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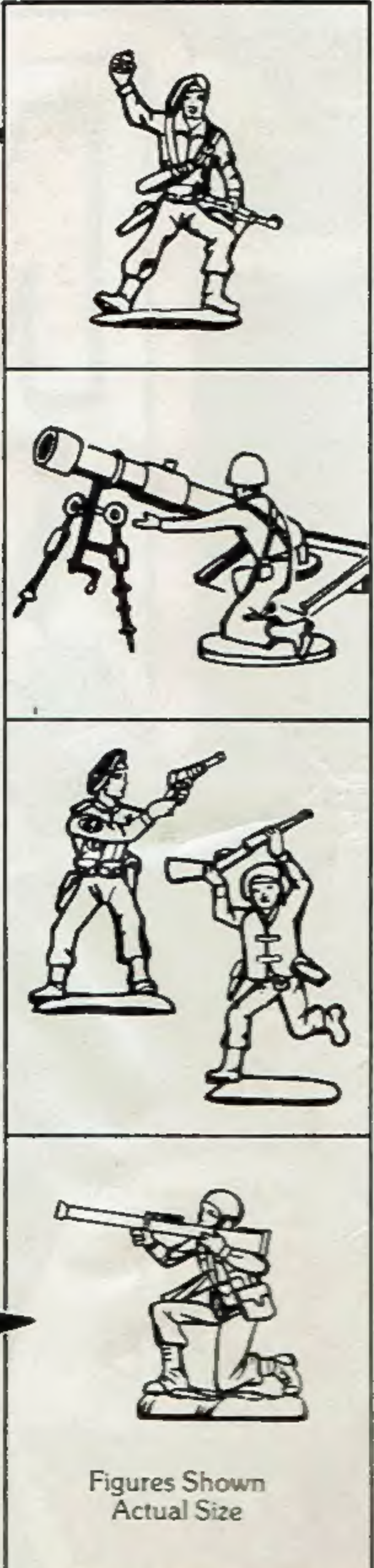
MEN OF WAR

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A MAN SOON TO BECOME LEGEND.
BUT THEN, NO ONE EVER SAID THAT
WAR IS LONG ON LOGIC.
JUST ASK ULYSSES HAZARD,
A MAN WHO HAD TO FIGHT NOT
ONLY THE ENEMY--BUT HIS
OWN COUNTRY--TO EARN THE...

CODE NAME:

Gravedigger

THROUGH THE
TRACKLESS SANDS
OF NORTH AFRICA,
GRAVEDIGGER HAS
TRACKED THE
MAN WITH THE
OPENED EYE--
THE SPY WHO
HOLDS DEFENSE
PACKET 6!

BUT INSTEAD
OF CAPTURING
THE SPY,
GRAVEDIGGER
WAS CAPTURED
HIMSELF--

--AND IS NOW
FACING HIS
OWN ALLIES
AS A HUMAN
SHIELD ON
A GERMAN
TIGER
TANK!

HIDE AND SEEK THE SPY

THIS LOOKS LIKE
THE END OF THE LINE--
THOSE BRITISH JOES
GOTTA DEFEND THEMSELVES
WHETHER I'M IN THE WAY
OR NOT!



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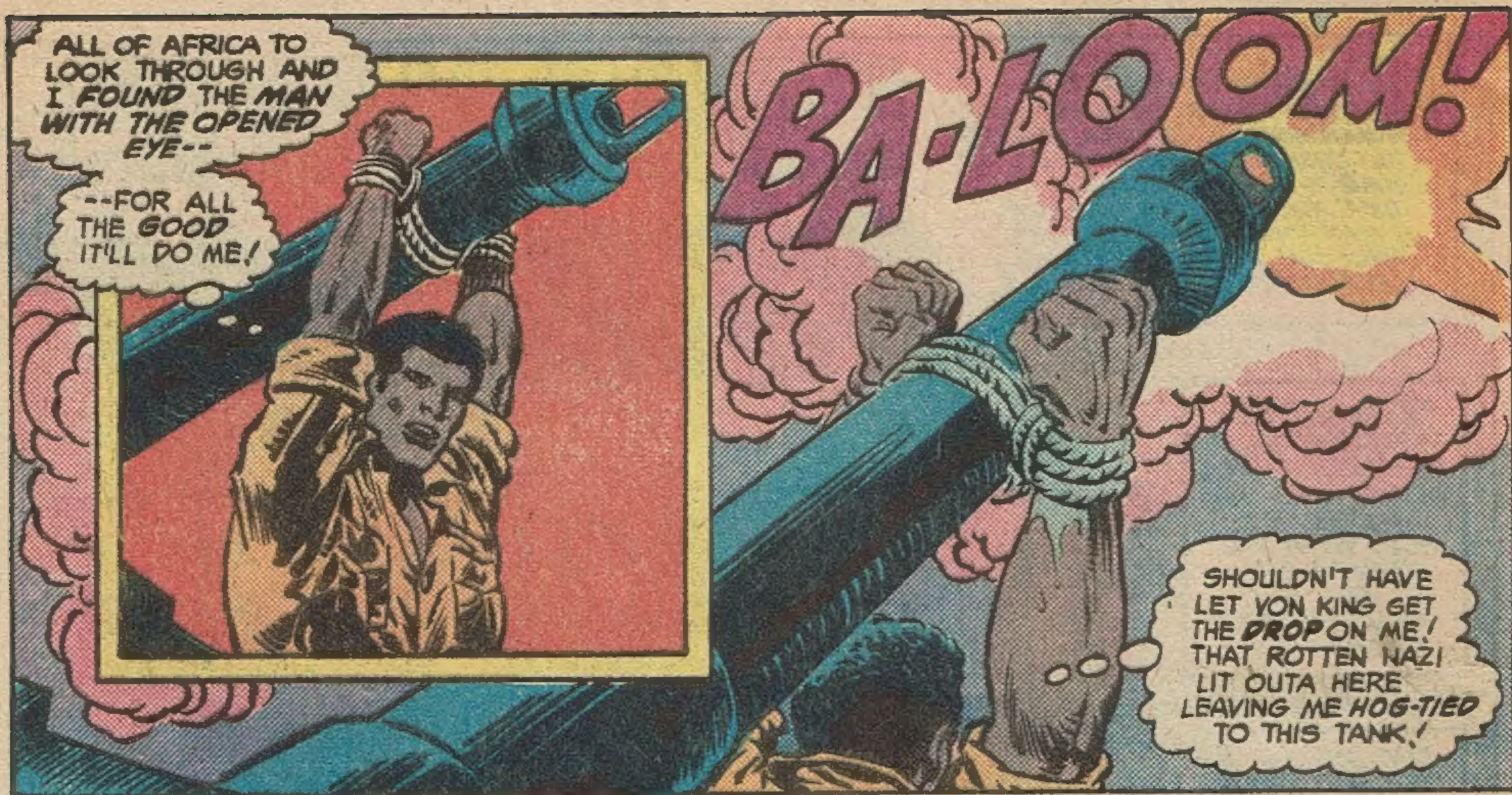
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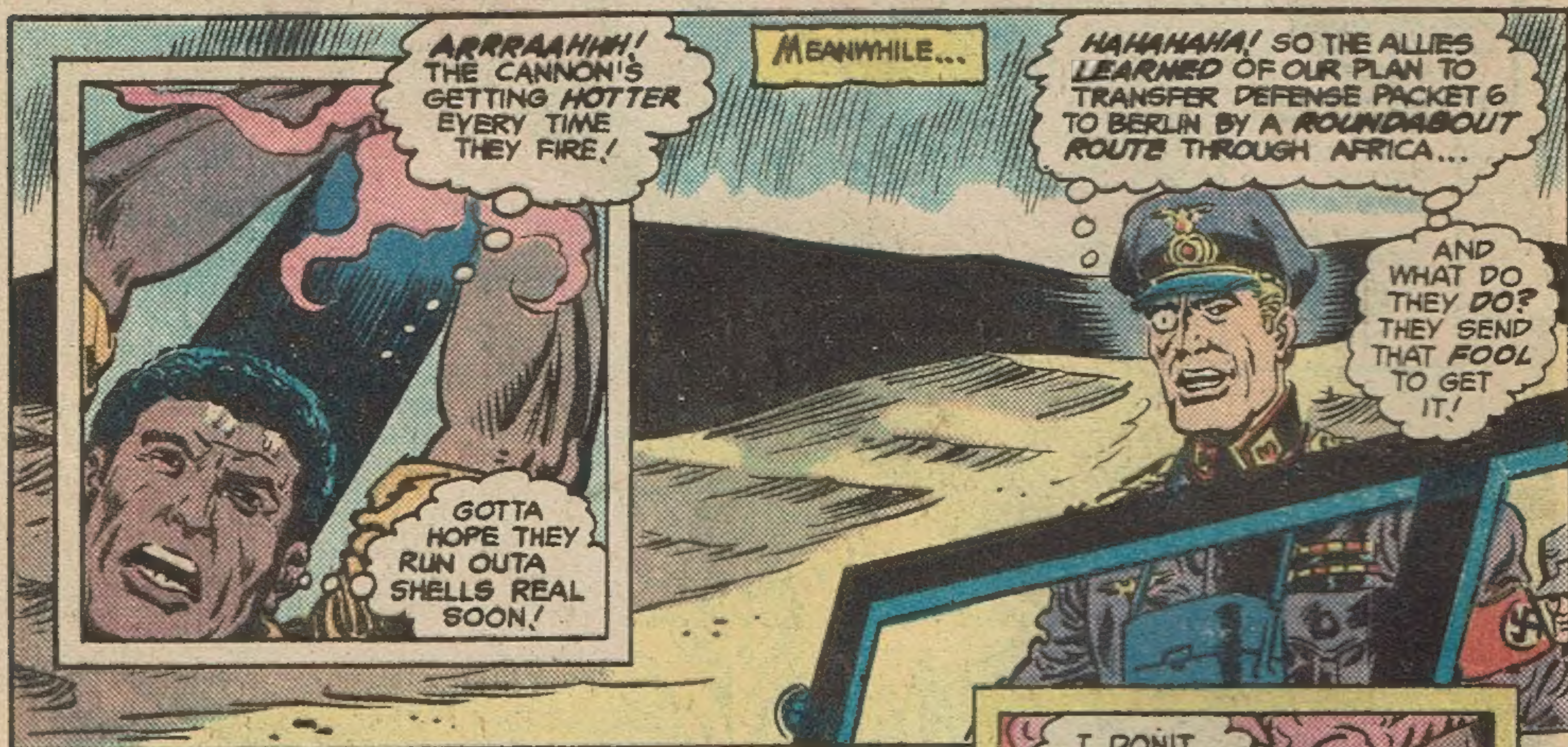
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ALL OF AFRICA TO
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--FOR ALL
THE GOOD
IT'LL DO ME!

SHOULDN'T HAVE
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THAT ROTTEN NAZI
LIT OUTA HERE
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TO THIS TANK!



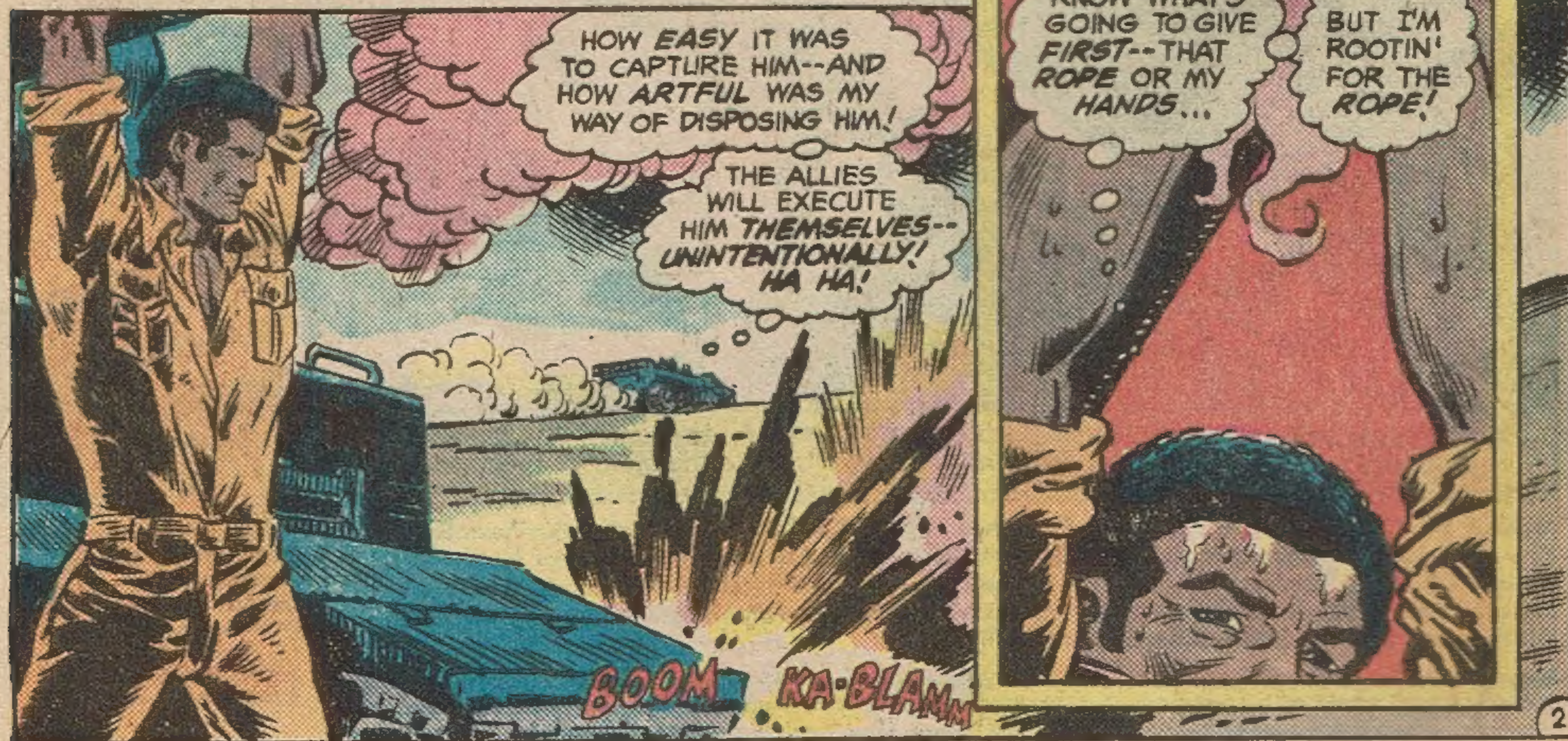
ARRRAHHH!
THE CANNON'S
GETTING HOTTER
EVERY TIME
THEY FIRE!

MEANWHILE...

HAHAHAHA! SO THE ALLIES
LEARNED OF OUR PLAN TO
TRANSFER DEFENSE PACKET 6
TO BERLIN BY A ROUNDABOUT
ROUTE THROUGH AFRICA...

AND
WHAT DO
THEY DO?
THEY SEND
THAT FOOL
TO GET
IT!

GOTTA
HOPE THEY
RUN OUTA
SHELLS REAL
SOON!

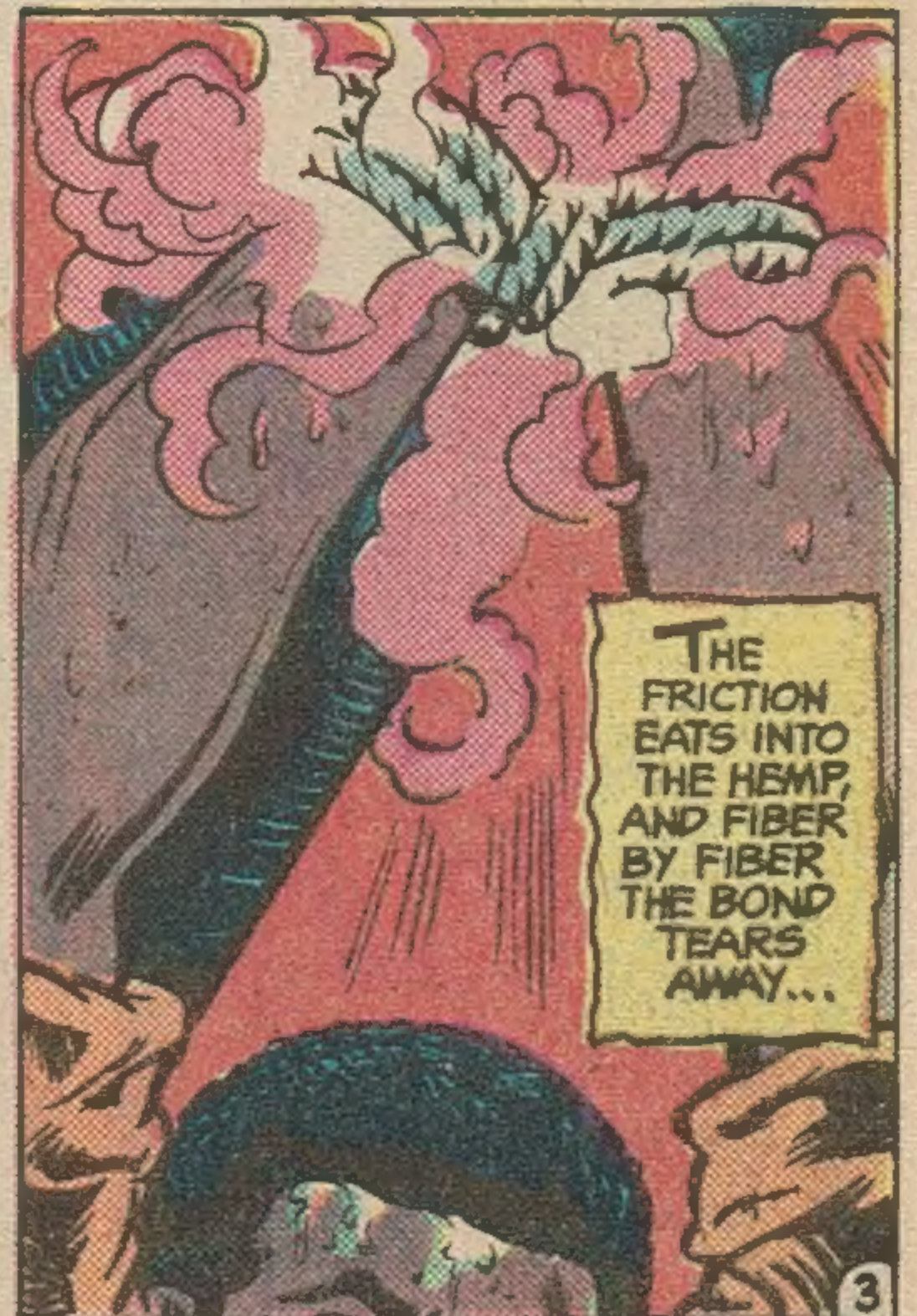
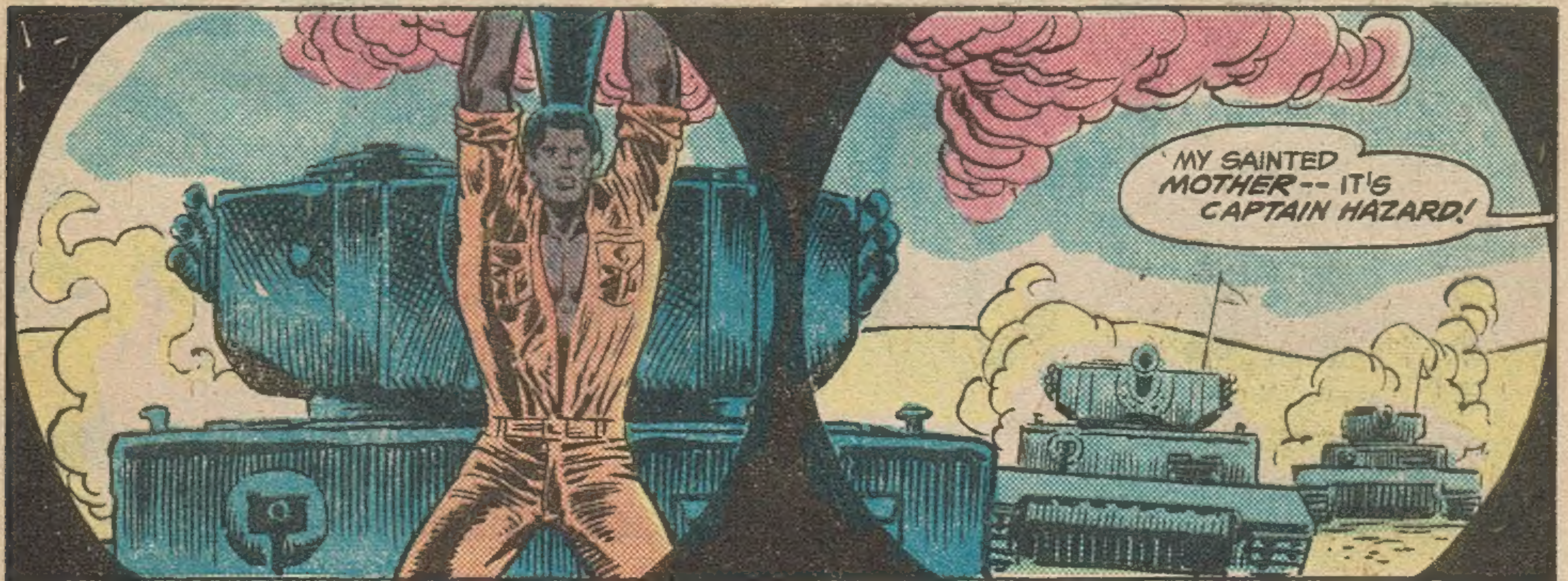
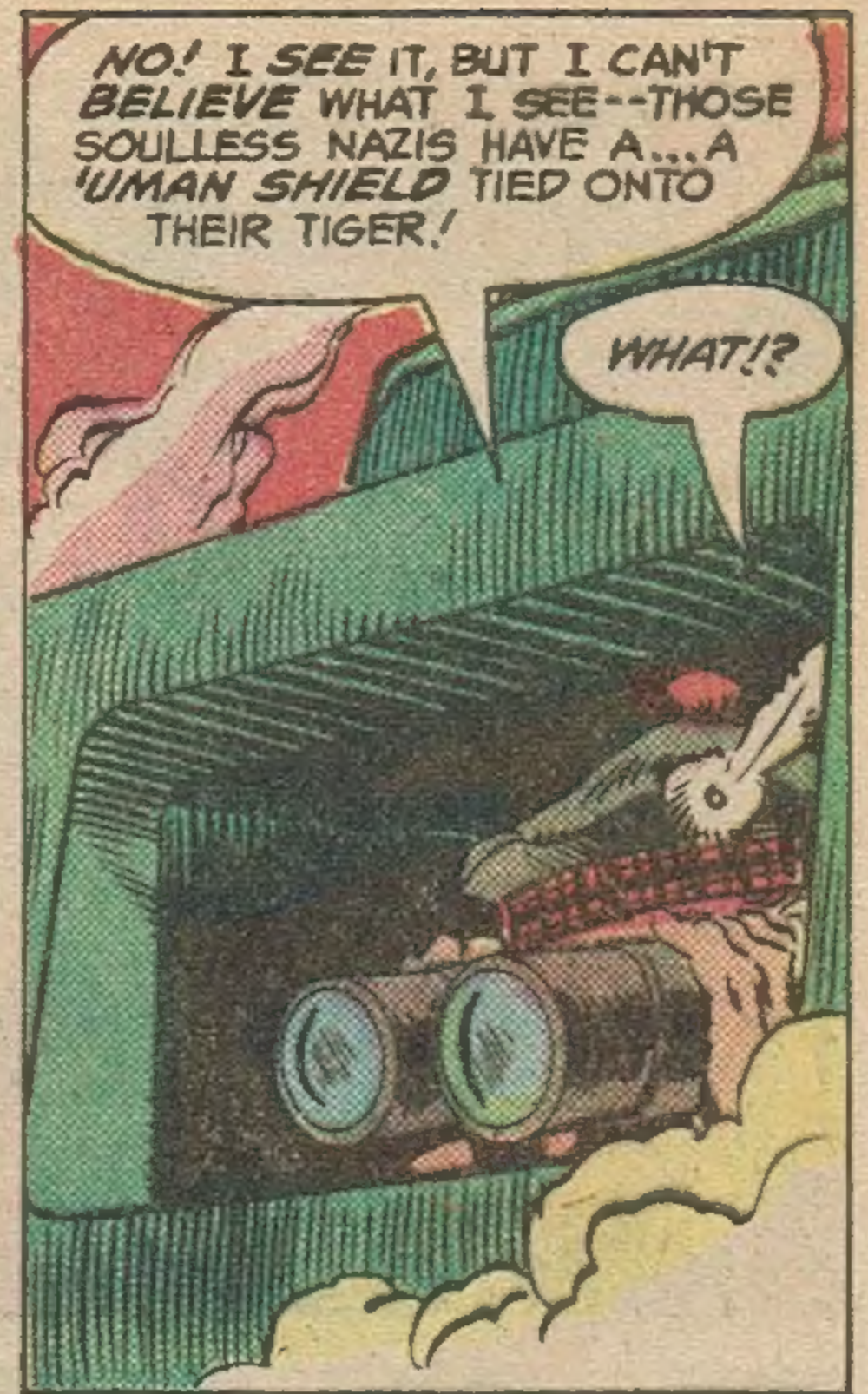
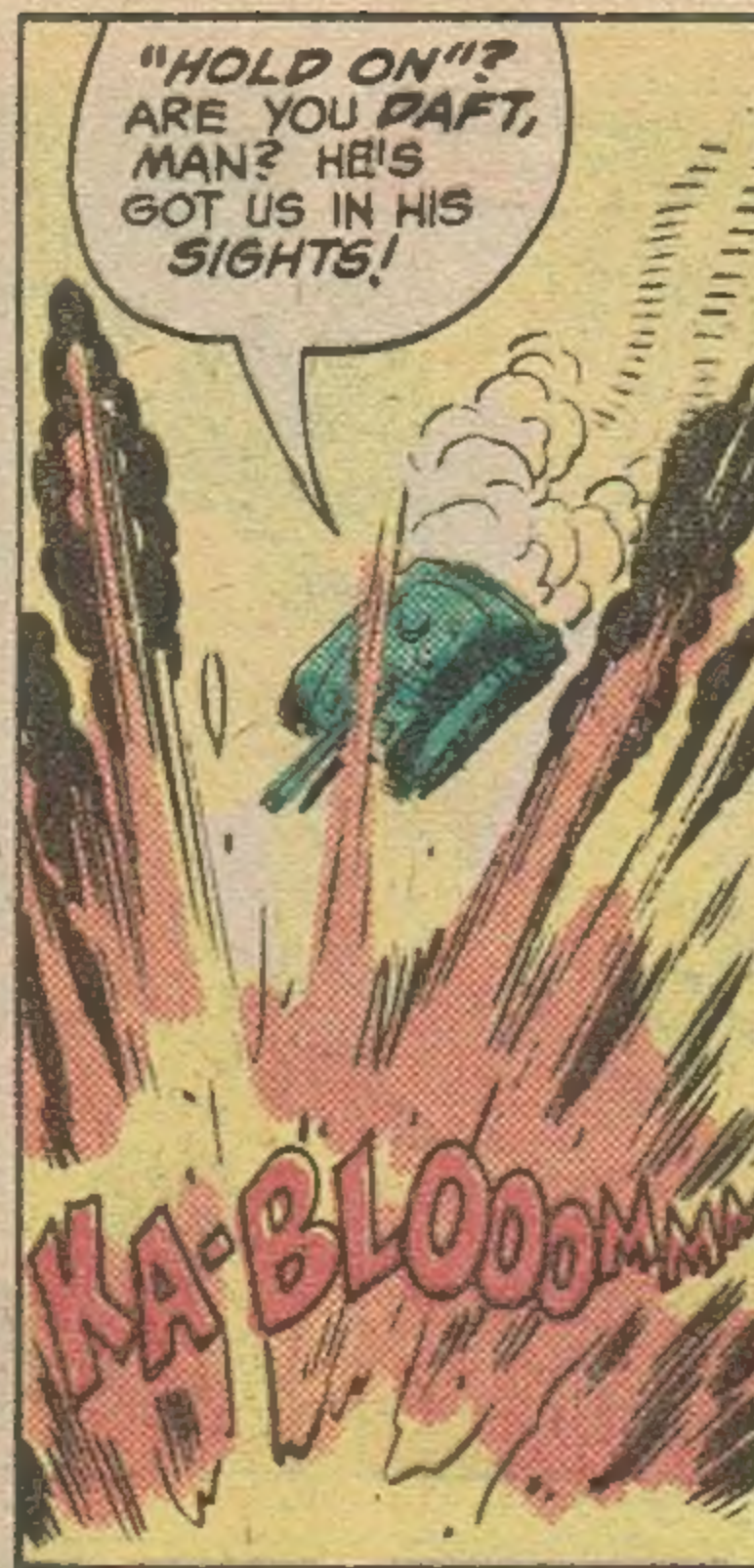


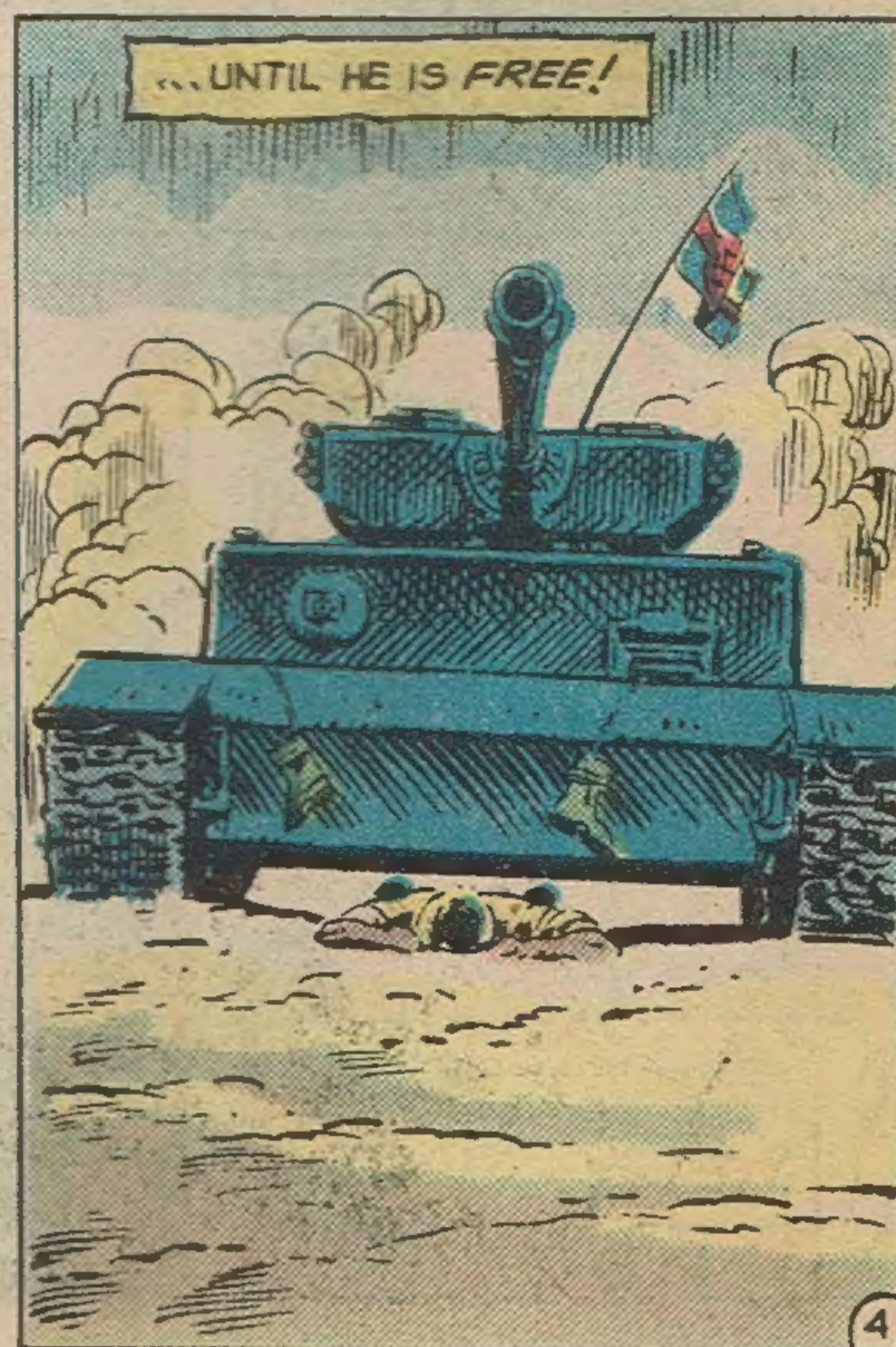
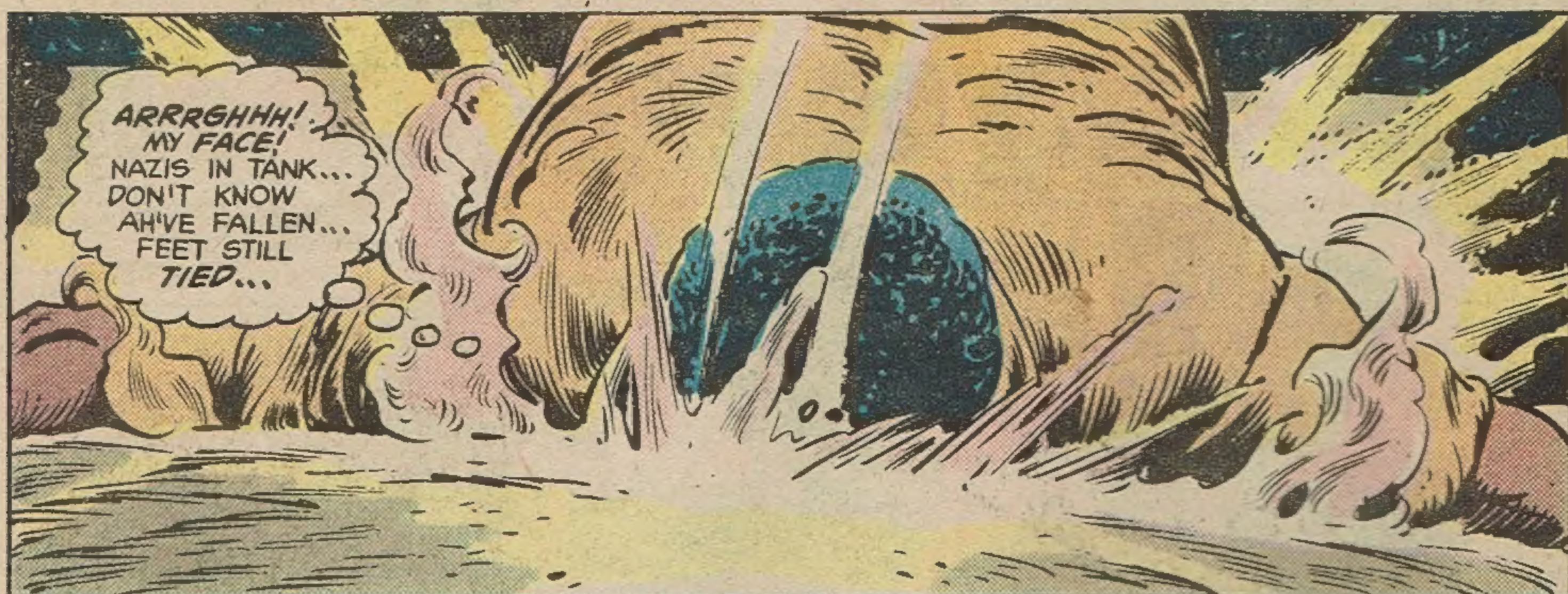
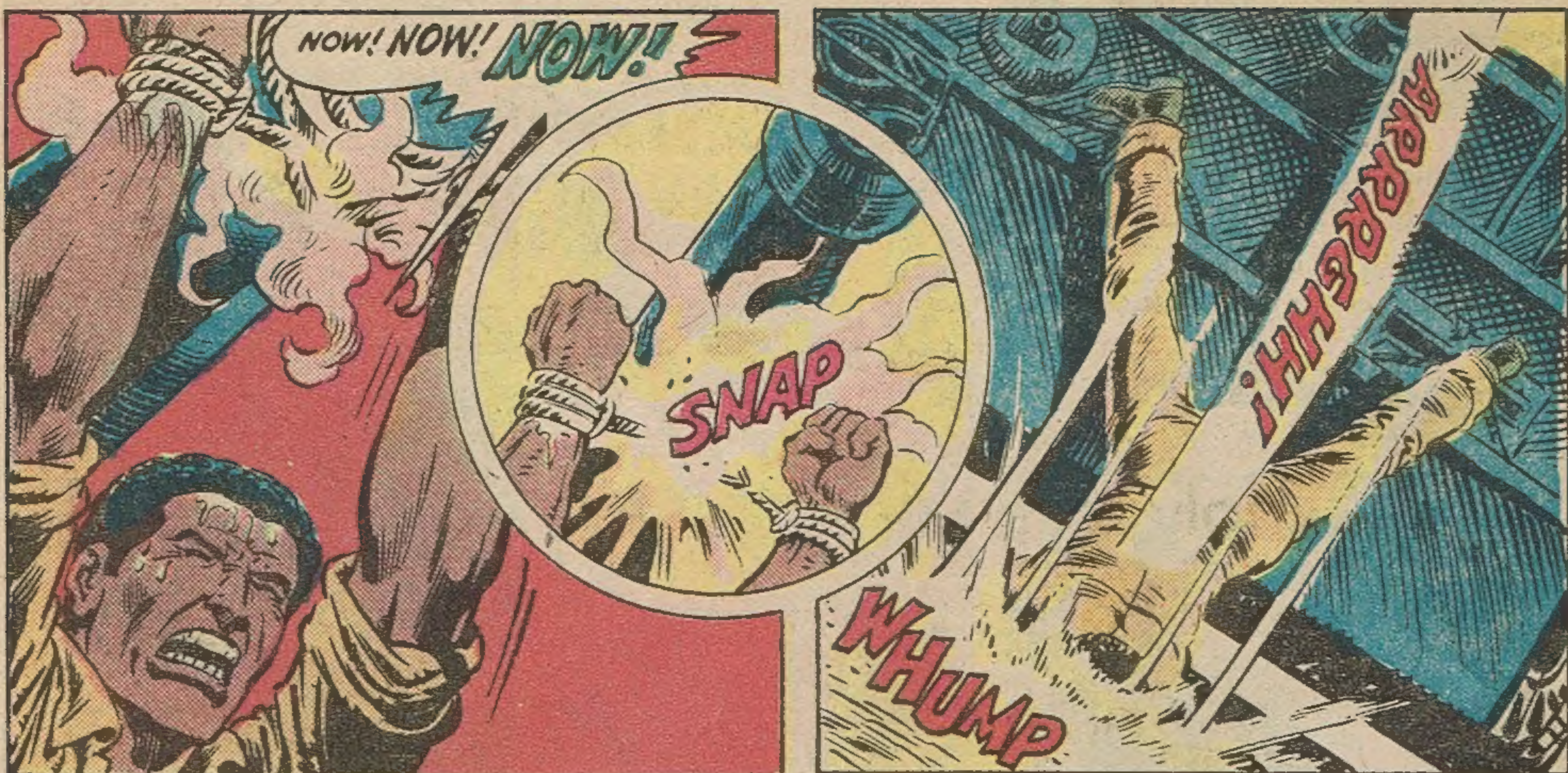
HOW EASY IT WAS
TO CAPTURE HIM--AND
HOW ARTFUL WAS MY
WAY OF DISPOSING HIM!

THE ALLIES
WILL EXECUTE
HIM THEMSELVES--
UNINTENTIONALLY!
HA HA!

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT'S
GOING TO GIVE
FIRST--THAT
ROPE OR MY
HANDS...

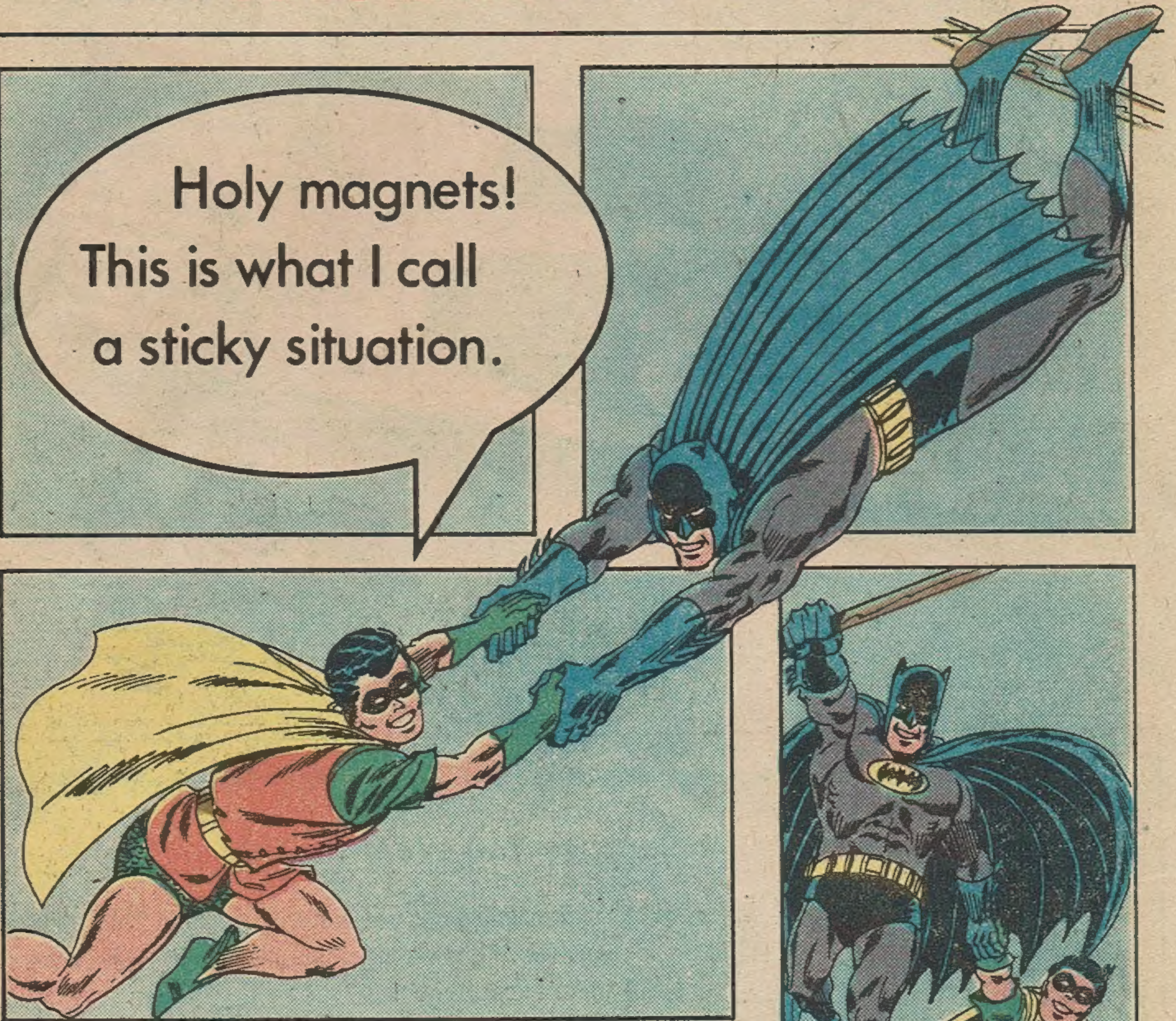
BUT I'M
ROOTIN'
FOR THE
ROPE!



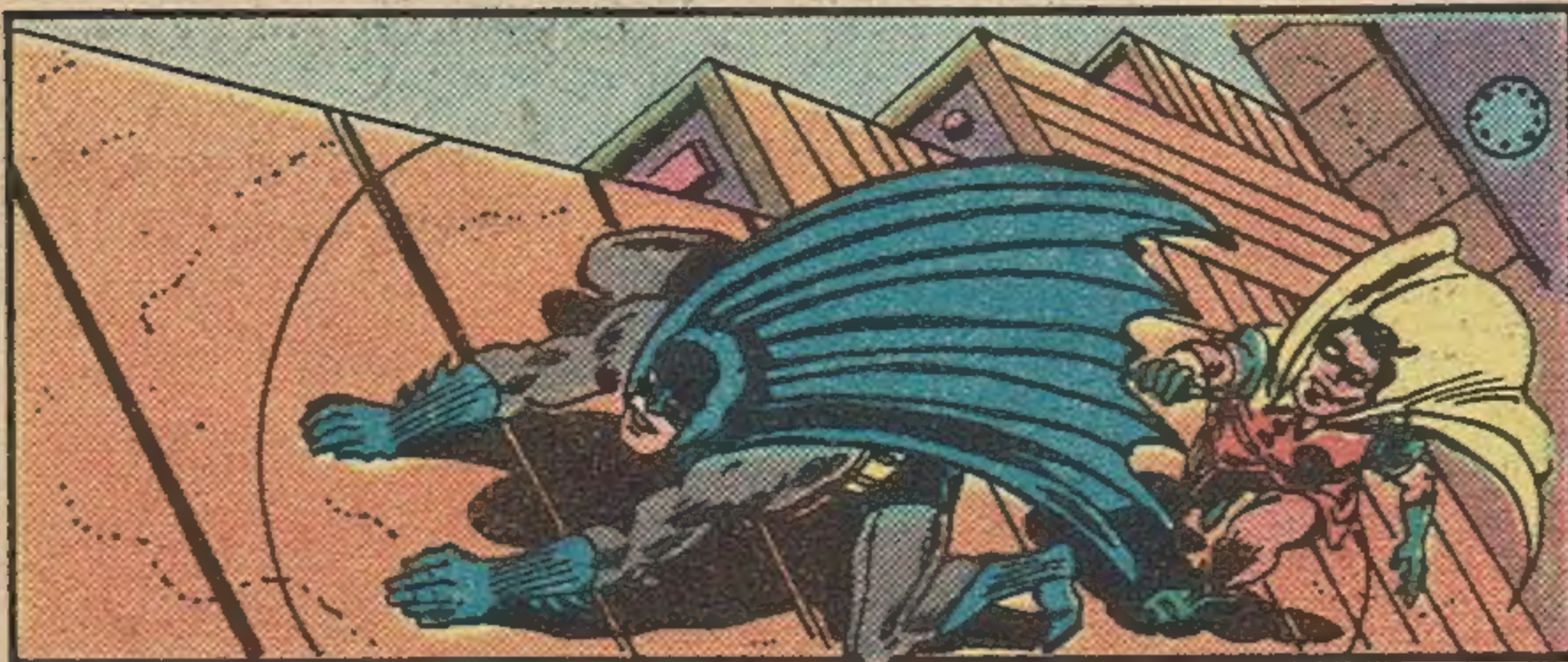


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KNEES SHAKING, ULYSSES HAZARD RISES TO HIS FEET, BLOOD AND SAND OBSCURING HIS VISION...

THE BRITISH IN THAT TANK... THEY MUST'VE **SEEN ME**... RISKED GETTING **BLASTED** UNTIL I GOT FREE...



LEAST I CAN DO IS **RETURN** THE FAVOR!



THEY'RE ZEROING-IN FOR THE **KILL**--I HOPE THOSE ENGLISH BOYS ARE STILL **WATCHIN' ME!**



HAVE AN EYEFUL OF TORN G.I.-ISSUE **SHIRT, NAZI!**

AND I HOPE A SECOND OF **BLINDNESS** WILL MAKE YOU DROP YOUR ADVANTAGE!



EVERY MUSCLE ACHING, SWEAT AND BLOOD SOAKING HIS MAKESHIFT **BANDAGE**, GRAVE-DIGGER PUSHES HIS BATTERED BODY FROM THE METAL SHELL...

GO!
GO!
FIRE!

BOOM



A THUNDERING ROAR MARKS THE **END** OF THE KILLER MACHINE AND THE BRITISH TANK ROLLS TOWARD THE WOUNDED SOLDIER...



SURE, MATE-- IT'S **US-- KEATS, DARNEL AND SMITH***--WE'RE ON THIS MISSION TOO, YOU KNOW!

BUT ARE YOU **YOU?** YOUR FACE IS PRETTY **BANGED UP** THERE, MATE!



UNNN... STINGS LIKE **HELL...** HOW'D YOU BOYS WIND UP **HERE?**

SIMPLE, BLOKE-- WE TRACED VON KING FROM WHERE HE **ENTERED** AFRICA--



--YOU FOUND 'IM WHERE 'E WAS **IDING**. IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE MET!

BUT **ENOUGH** OF VON KING RIGHT NOW--



WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU **BANDAGED UP**, MATE!

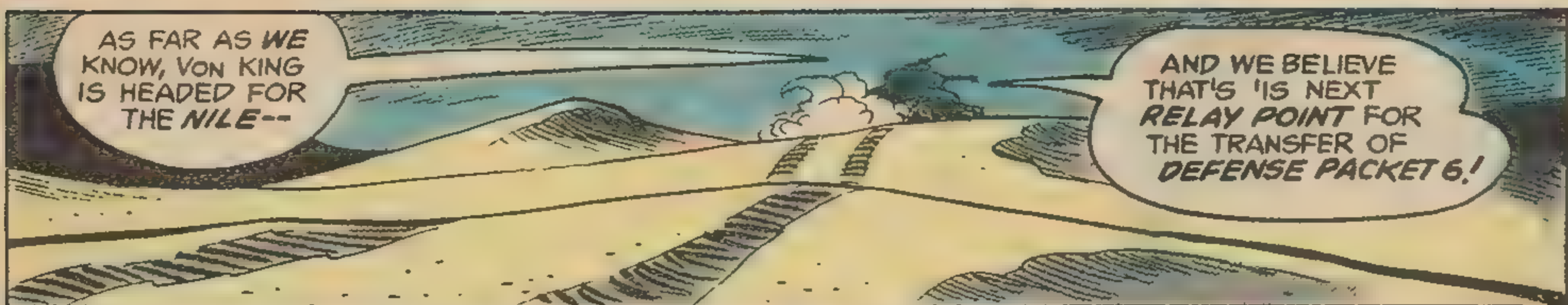
NO... STOP VON KING!



DON'T WORRY, MATE-- WE'LL DO THE **FIRST AID** WHILE WE'RE **STILL MOVING!**



AND WITH A ROAR AS IF FROM THE THROAT OF AN AVENGING LION, THE TANK TEARS INTO THE DESERT SAND AND PUSHES EAST...



AS FAR AS WE
KNOW, VON KING
IS HEADED FOR
THE NILE--

AND WE BELIEVE
THAT'S 'IS NEXT
RELAY POINT FOR
THE TRANSFER OF
DEFENSE PACKET 6!



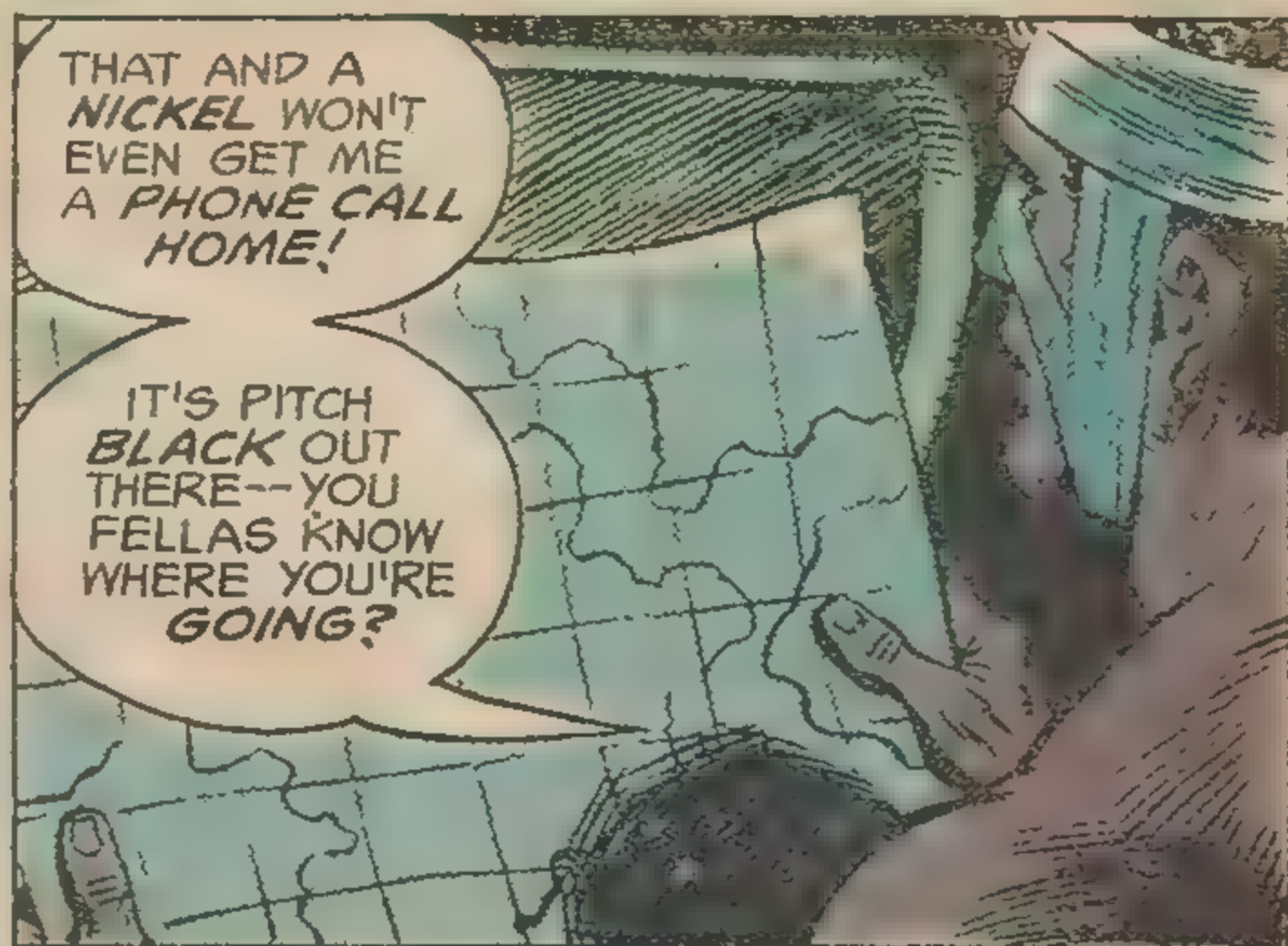
WE HAVE TO
CATCH HIM!
WHO KNOWS
WHERE HE'LL
GO IF HE
REACHES
THE RIVER!

QUIT YOUR
SQUIRMING, MATE--
LOOKS TO ME LIKE
YOU LANDED YOURSELF
A BIG, BEAUTIFUL
BROKEN NOSE!

WE--OWWW!

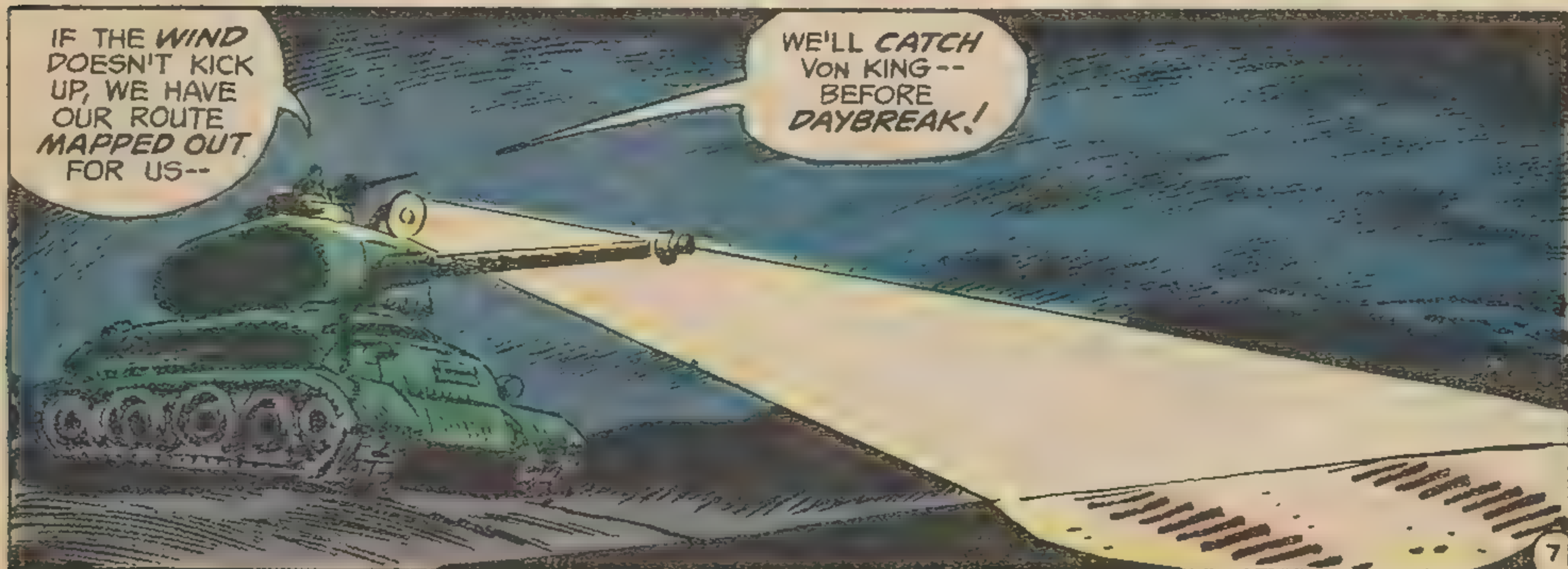


WELL, I *DID* WANT
COMBAT DUTY--AND
IT LOOKS AS IF I'VE
EARNED MAH FIRST
PURPLE HEART!



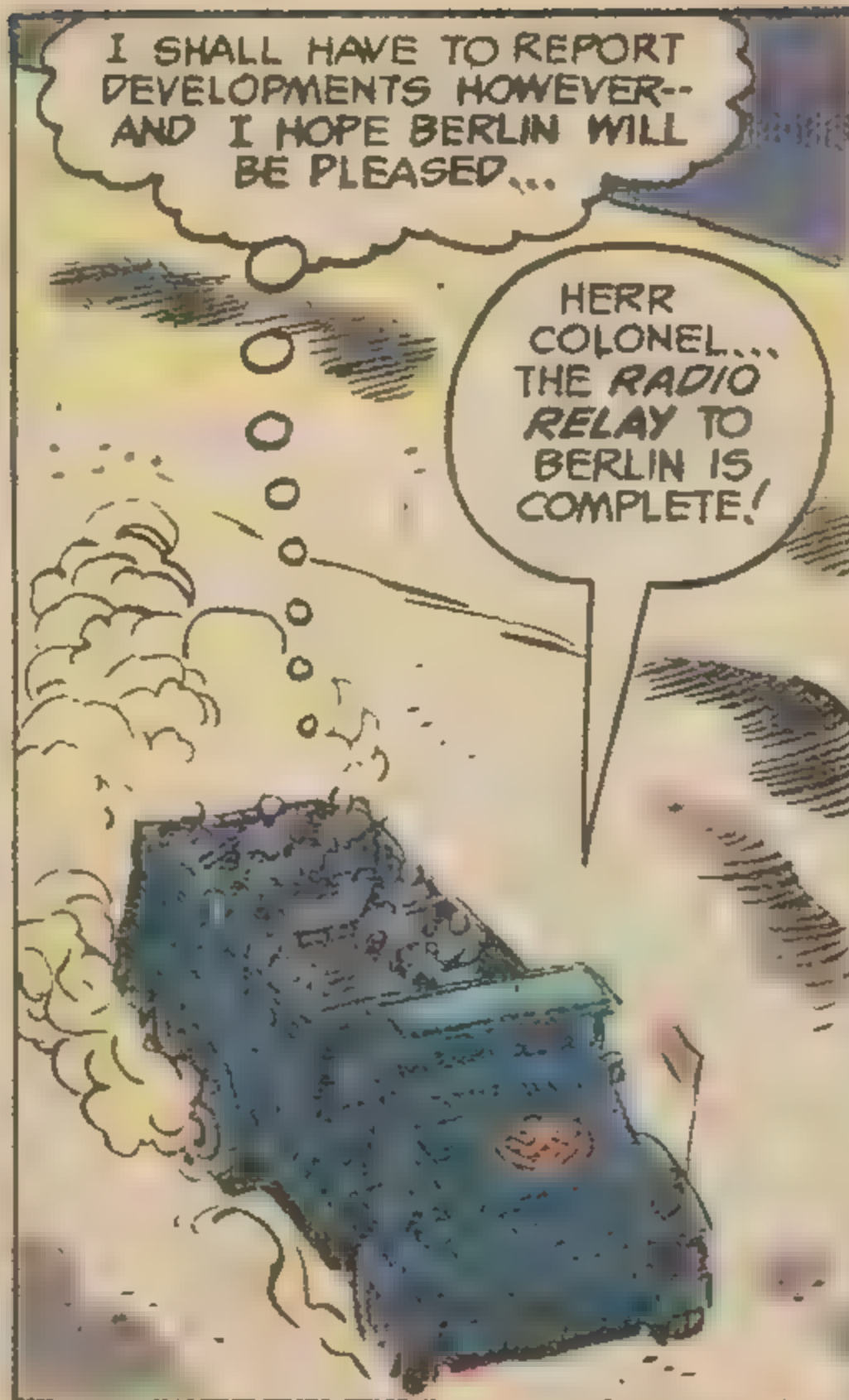
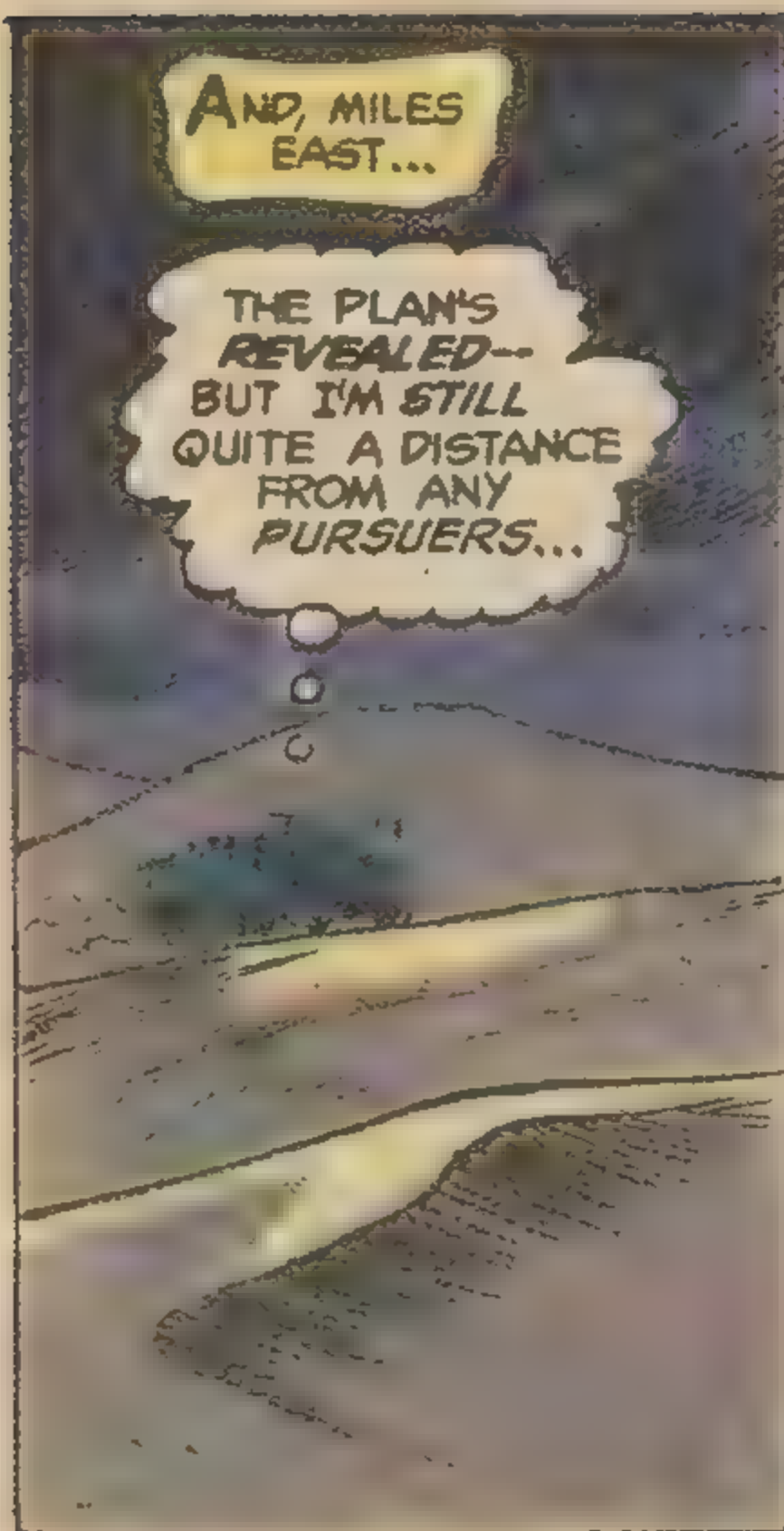
THAT AND A
NICKEL WON'T
EVEN GET ME
A PHONE CALL
HOME!

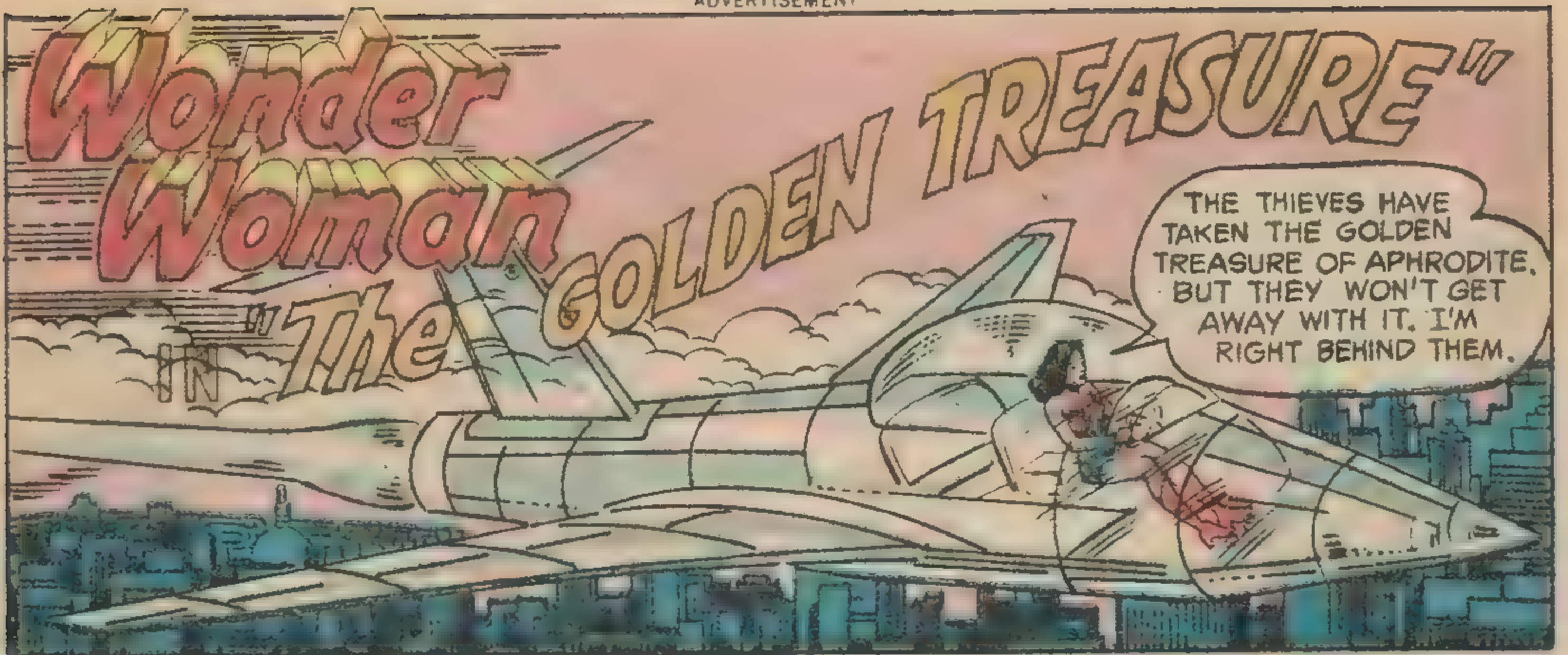
IT'S PITCH
BLACK OUT
THERE--YOU
FELLAS KNOW
WHERE YOU'RE
GOING?



IF THE WIND
DOESN'T KICK
UP, WE HAVE
OUR ROUTE
MAPPED OUT
FOR US--

WE'LL CATCH
VON KING--
BEFORE
DAYBREAK!

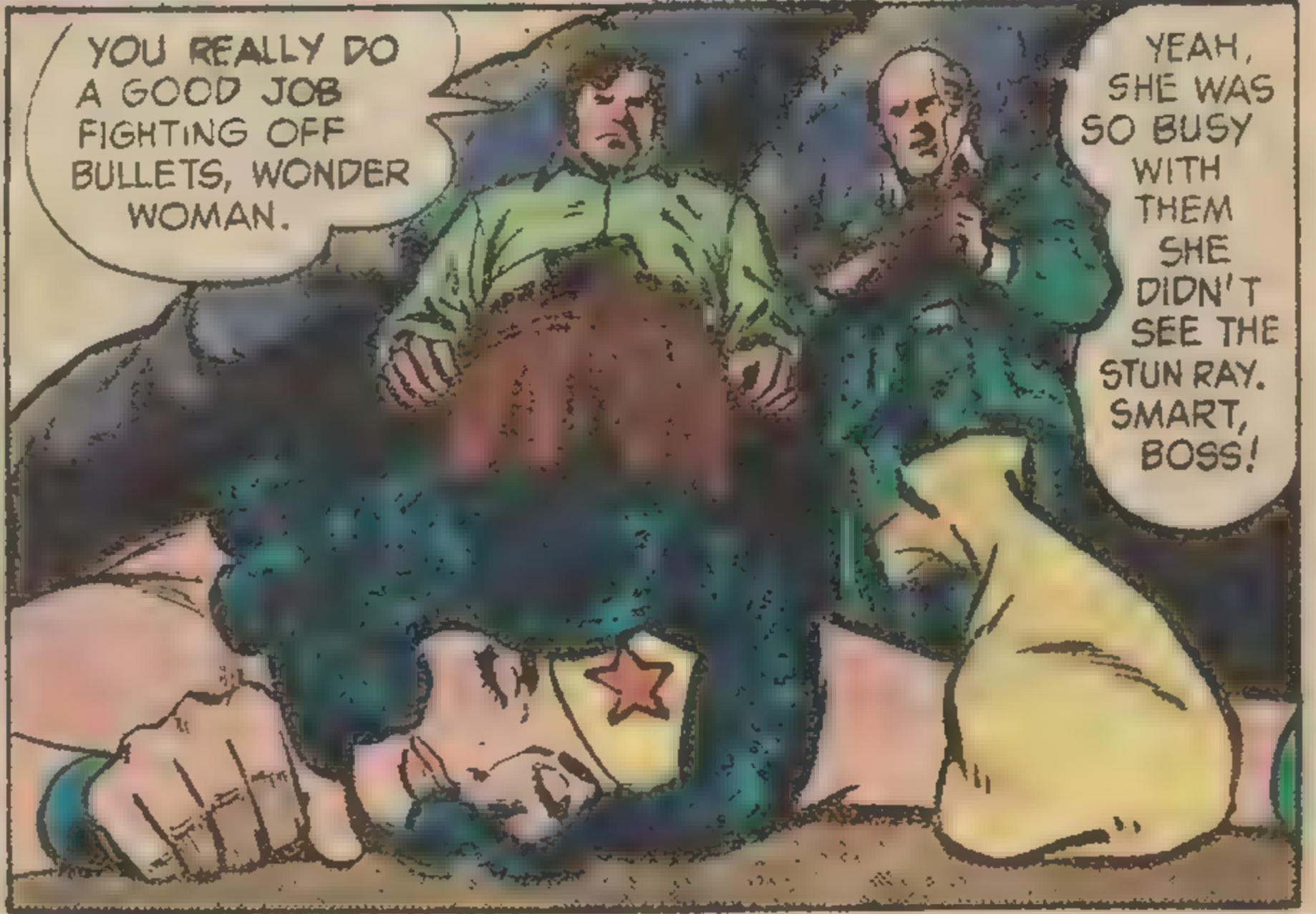




THE THIEVES HAVE TAKEN THE GOLDEN TREASURE OF APHRODITE, BUT THEY WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT. I'M RIGHT BEHIND THEM.



A BOOBY TRAP!
A JUVENILE TACTIC!



YOU REALLY DO A GOOD JOB FIGHTING OFF BULLETS, WONDER WOMAN.

YEAH, SHE WAS SO BUSY WITH THEM SHE DIDN'T SEE THE STUN RAY. SMART, BOSS!



WHAT'S HIDDEN IN THE SACK, GORGEOUS? SOME TREASURE WE MISSED?

NICE OF HER TO BRING US SOMETHING, HUH?



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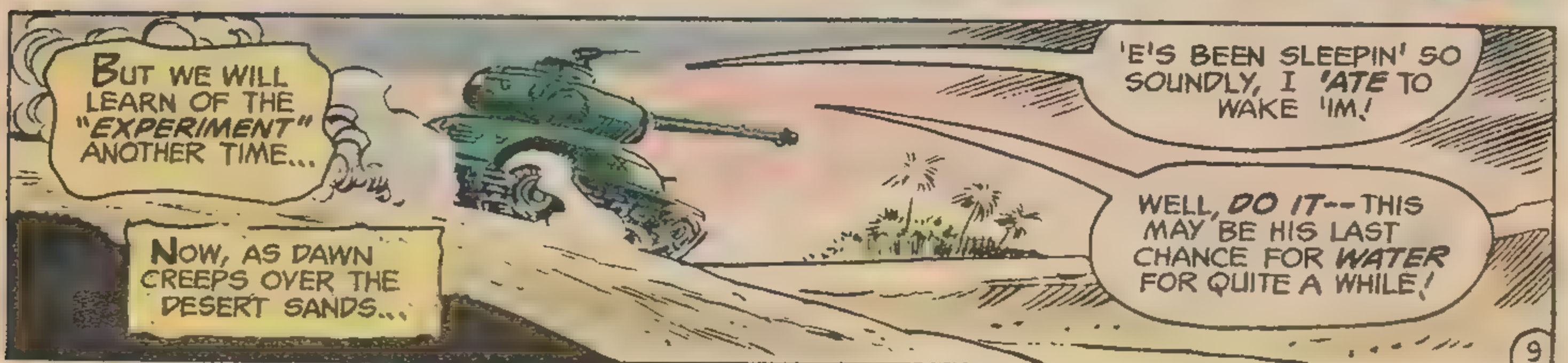
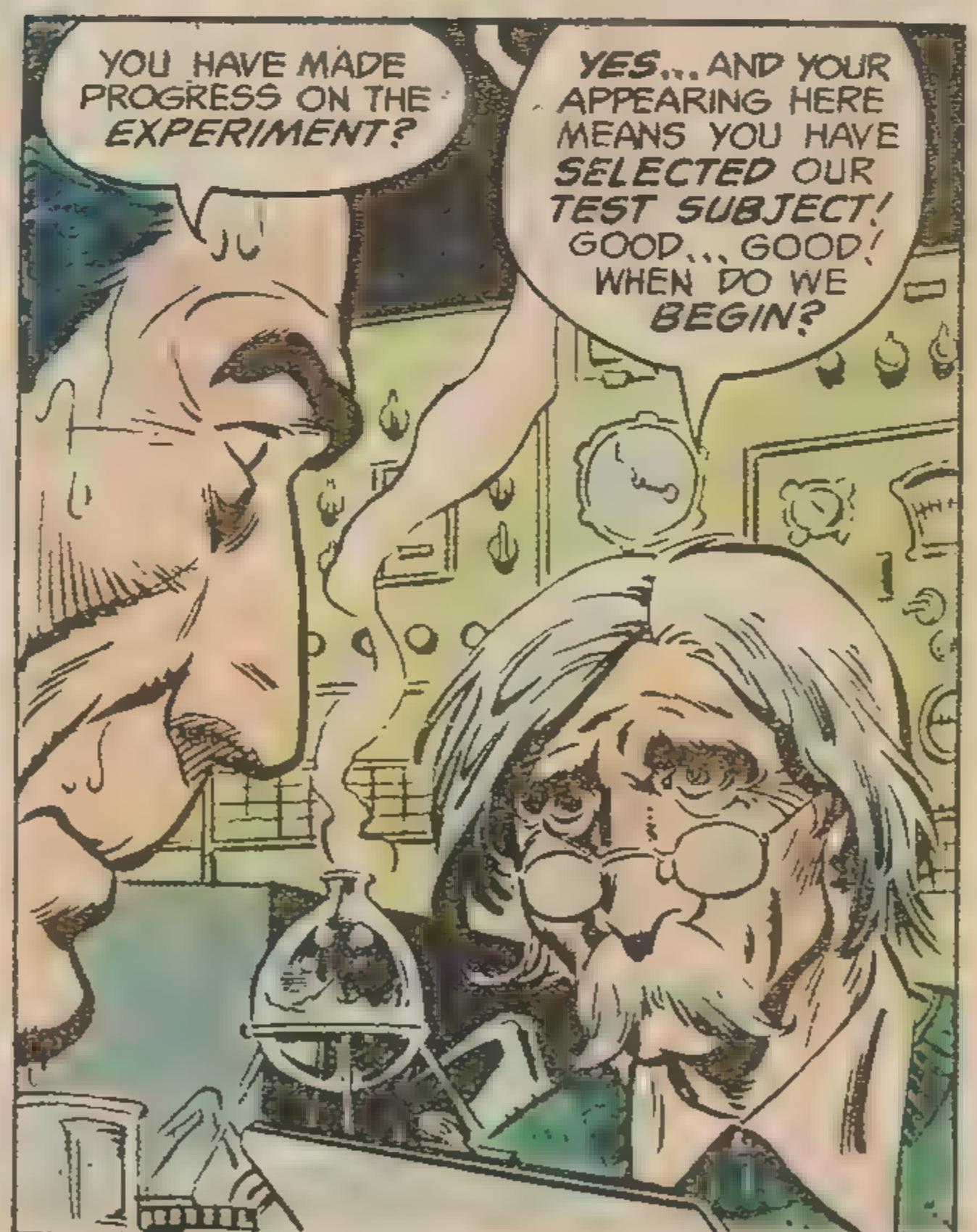
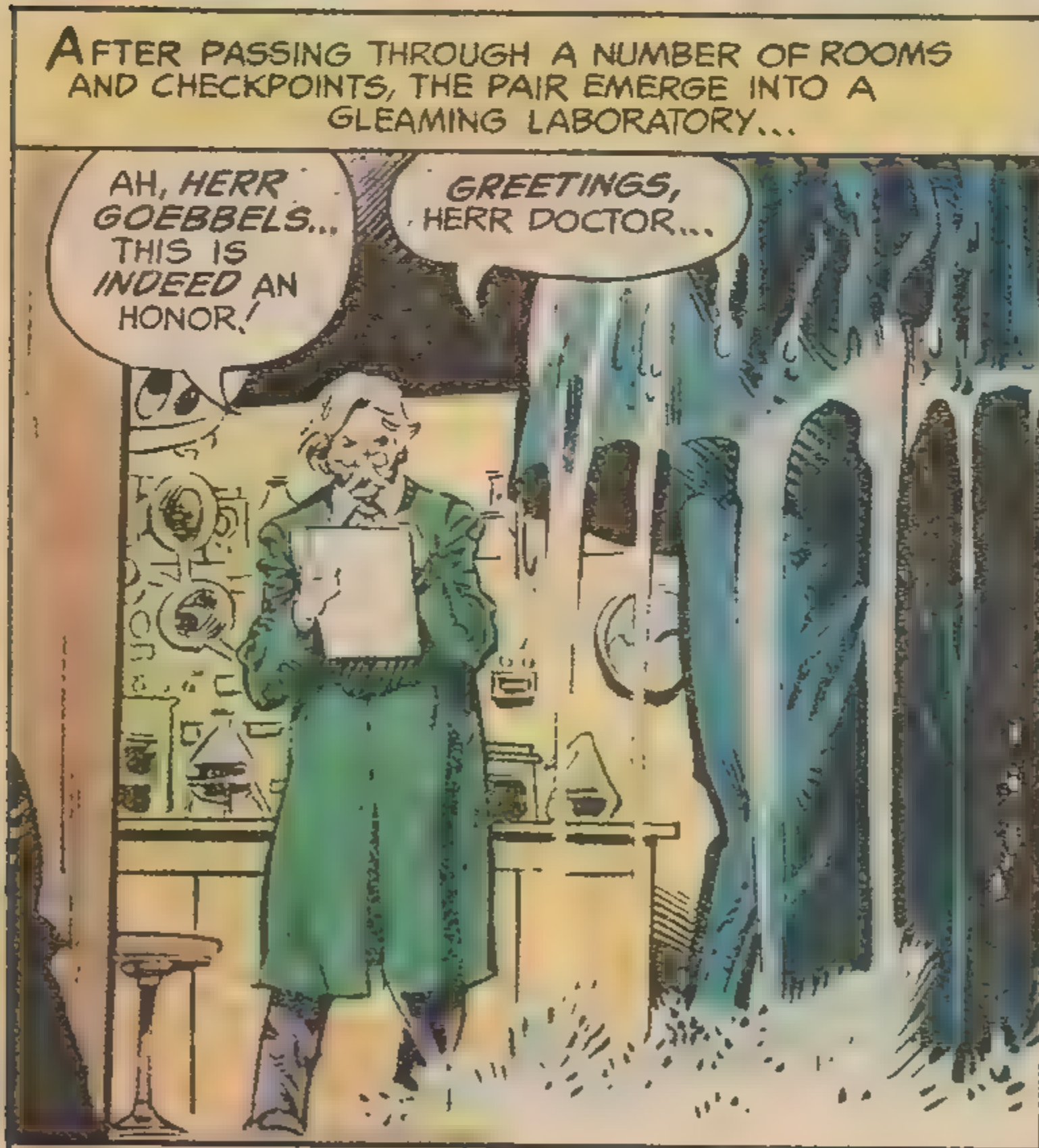
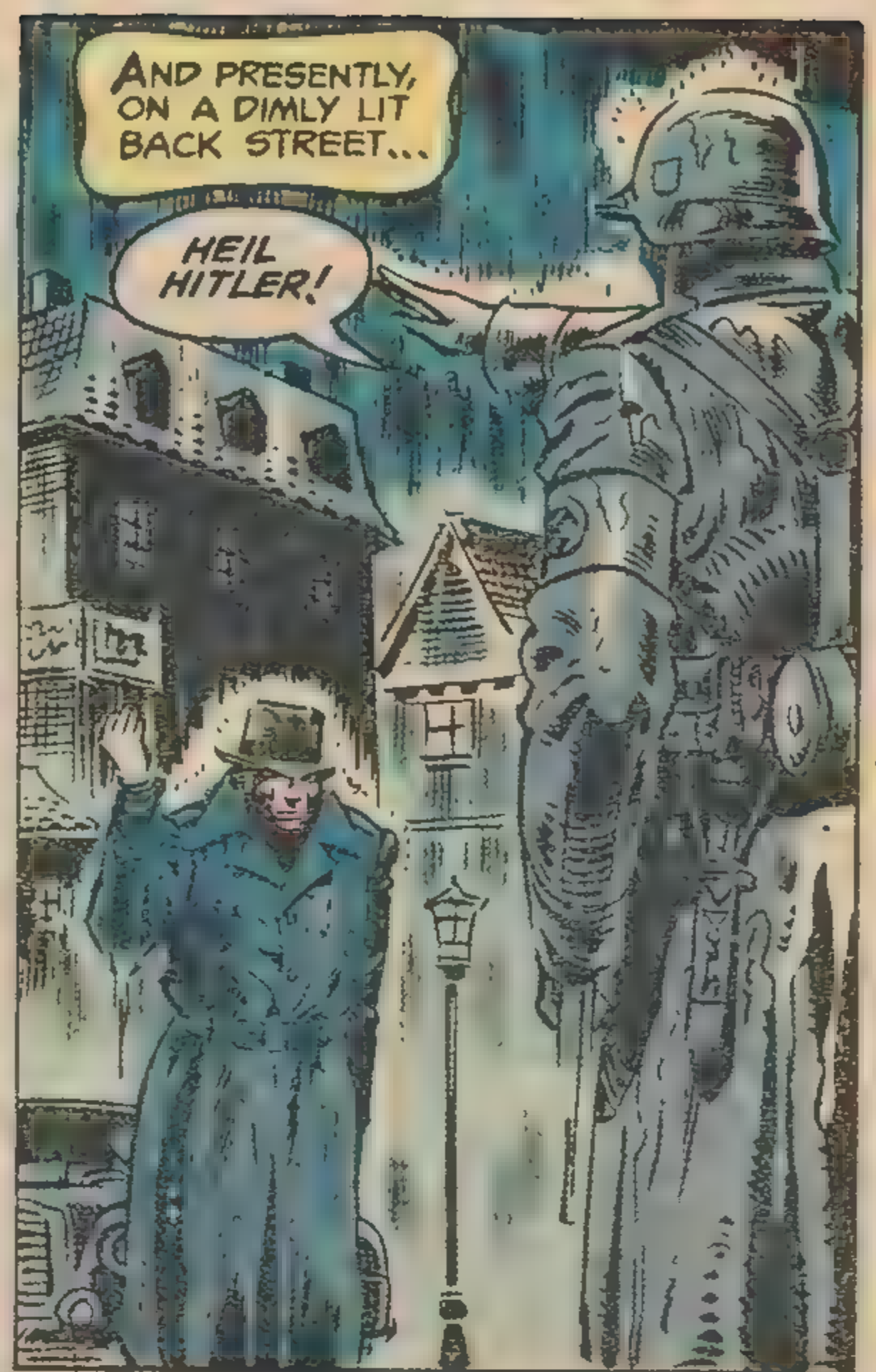
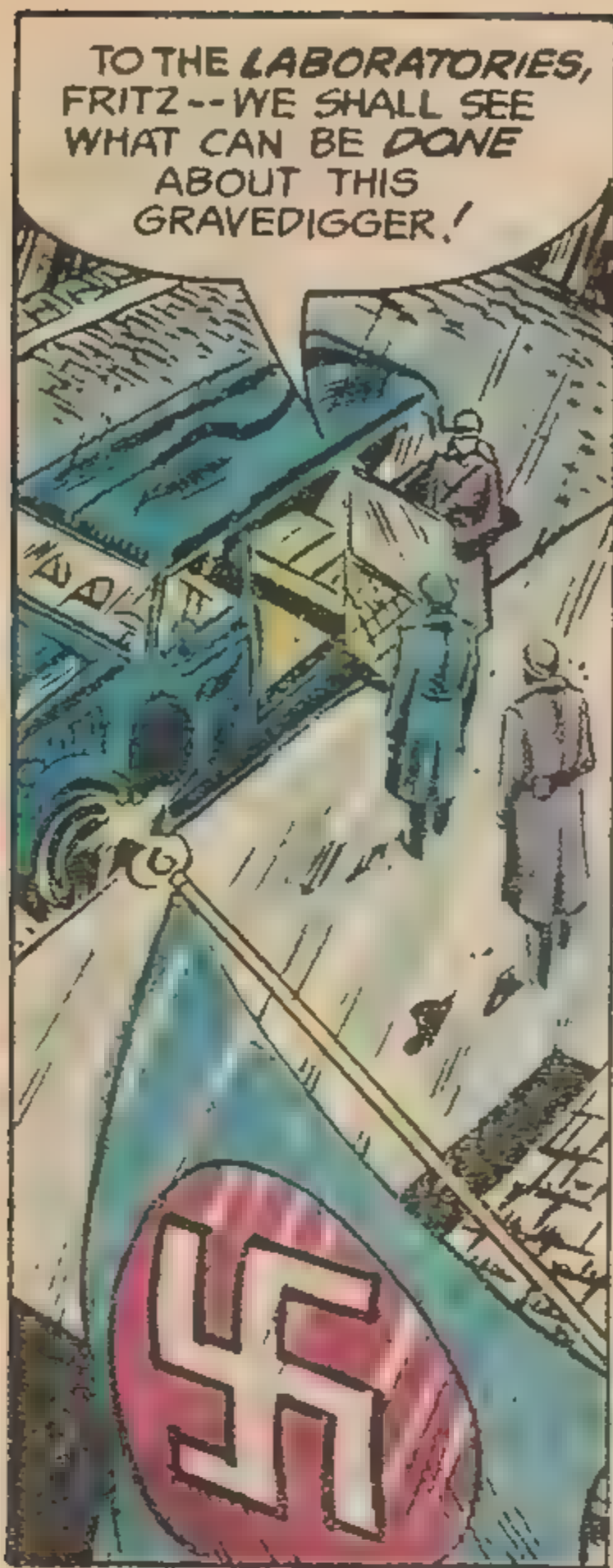


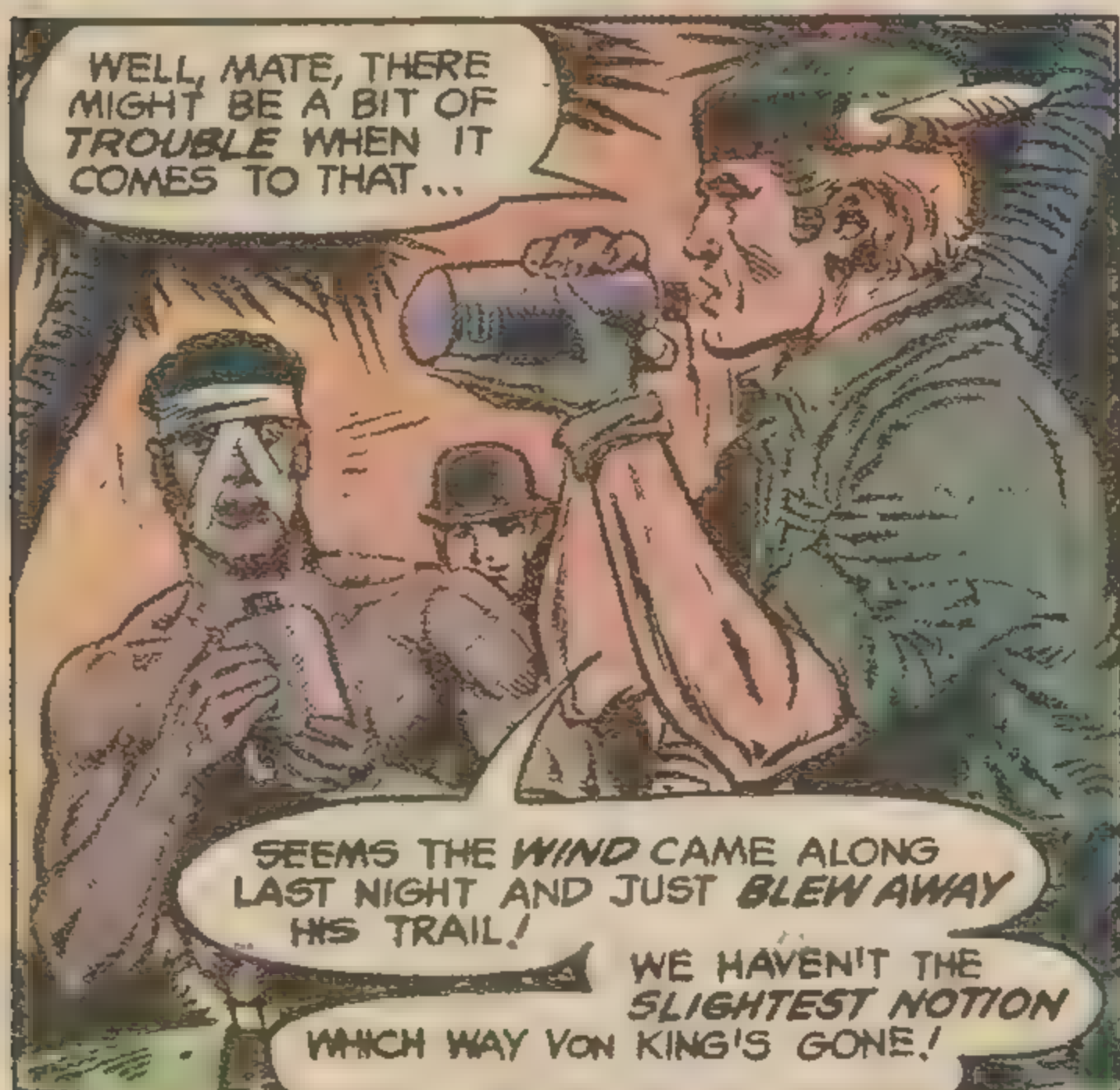
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What are they?

A: Fruit Stripe
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Fruit Stripe Bubble Gum.



Q: Why do we
put all those wild,
colorful, fruity
stripes on every single
stick?

A: To show you that
deeee-licious fruity
Fruit Stripe Flavor.



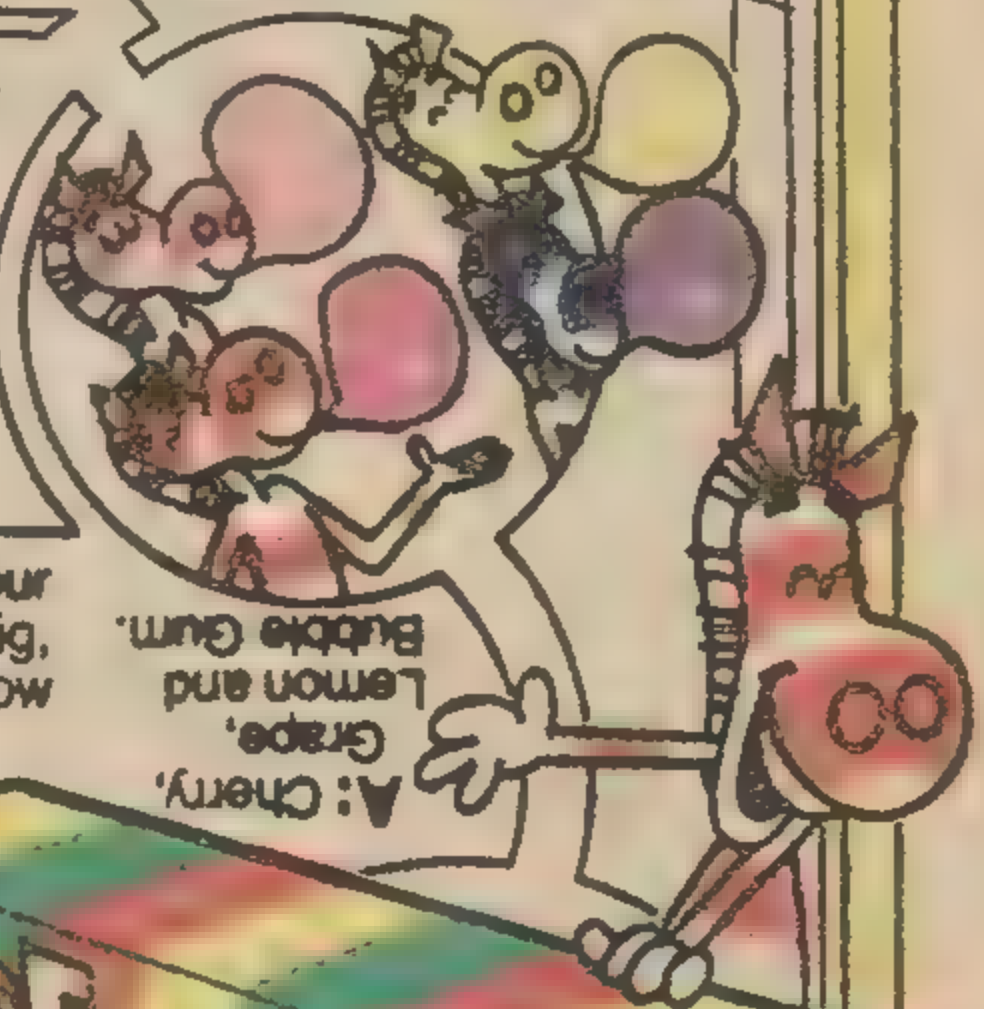
Q: There's a
whole herd of flavors
inside every pack.
How many can
you find?

A: Lemon, Orange,
Cherry, Lime, Grape
and Bubble Gum
flavor, too.



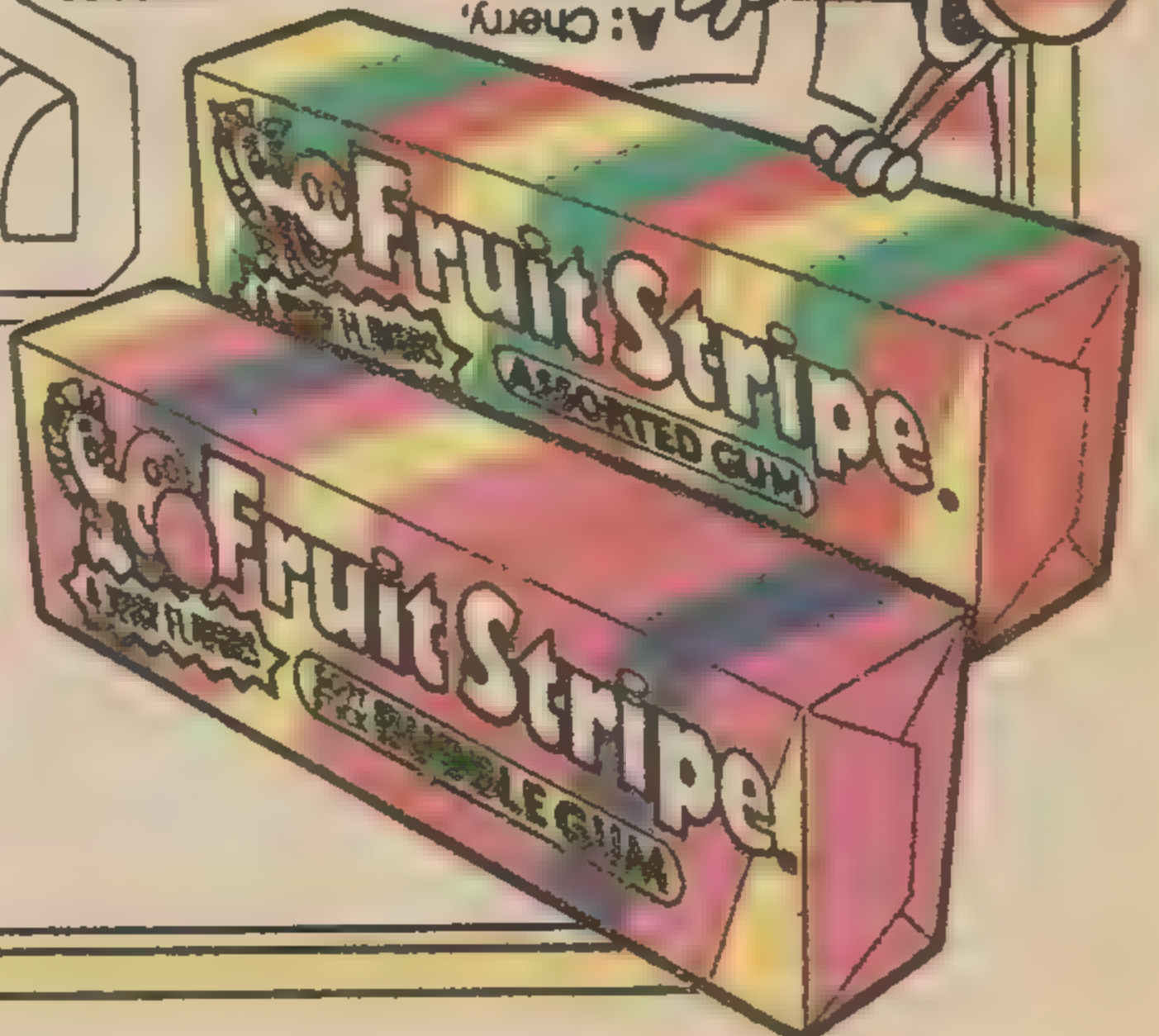
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different kinds of big,
juicy, easy-to-blow
bubbles?

A: Cherry,
Grape,
Lemon and
Bubble Gum.



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Fruit Stripe Gum
means
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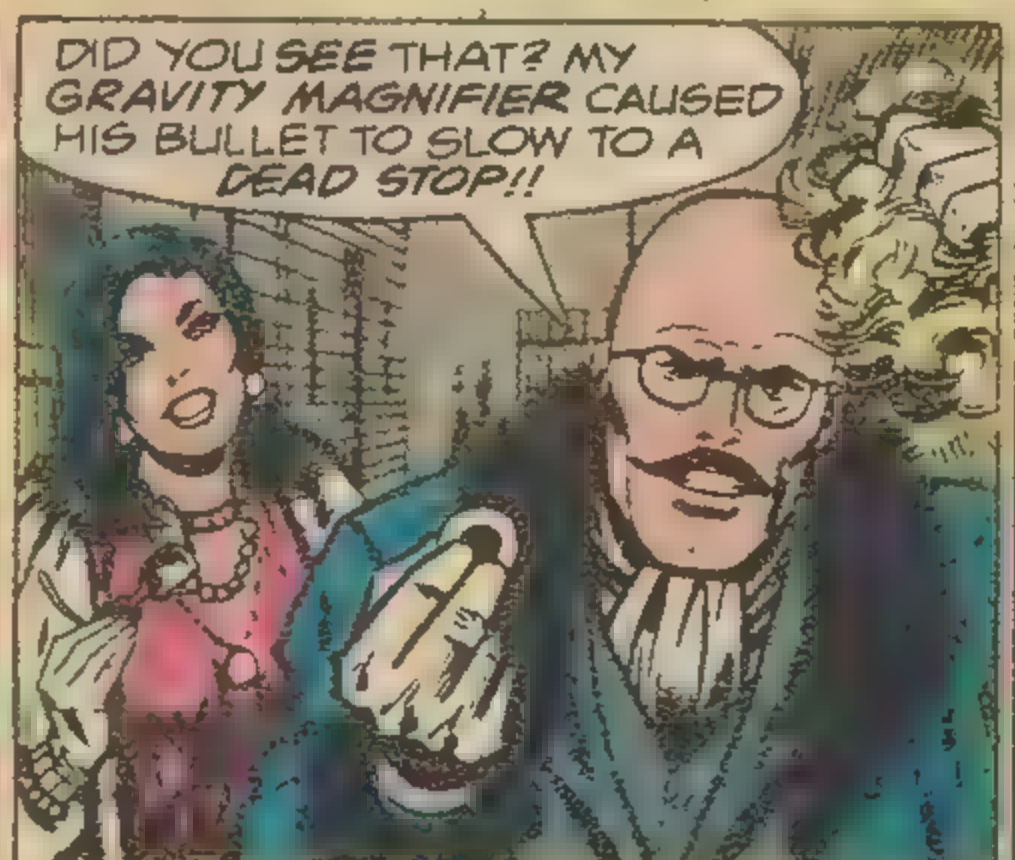
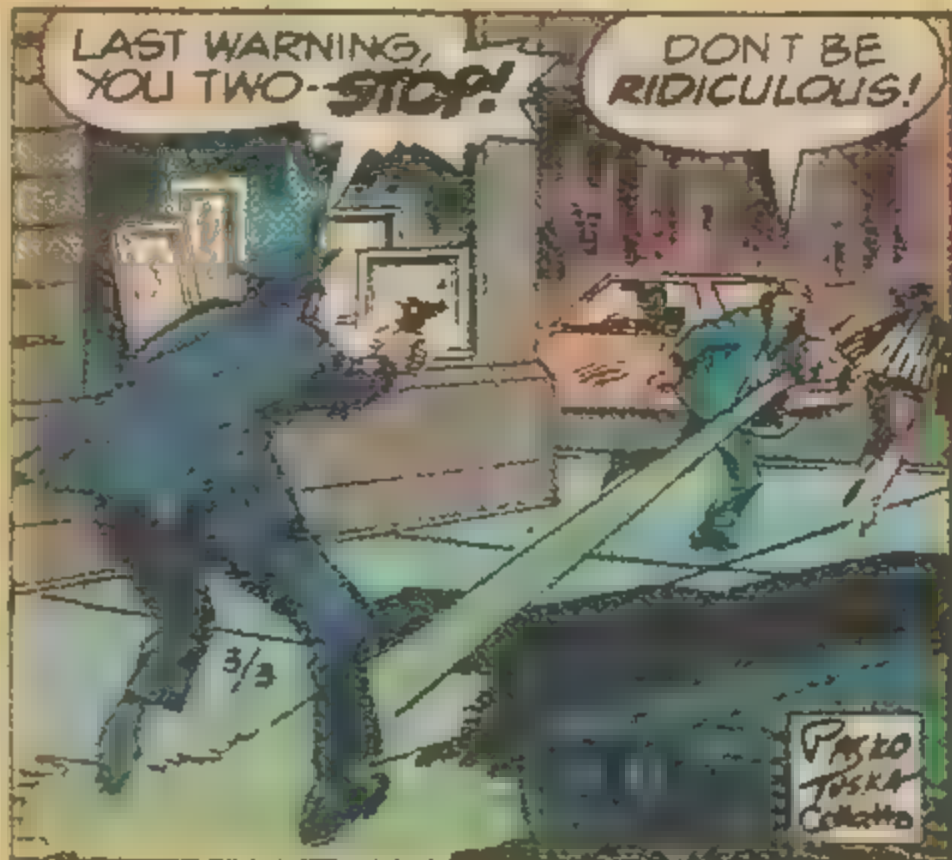
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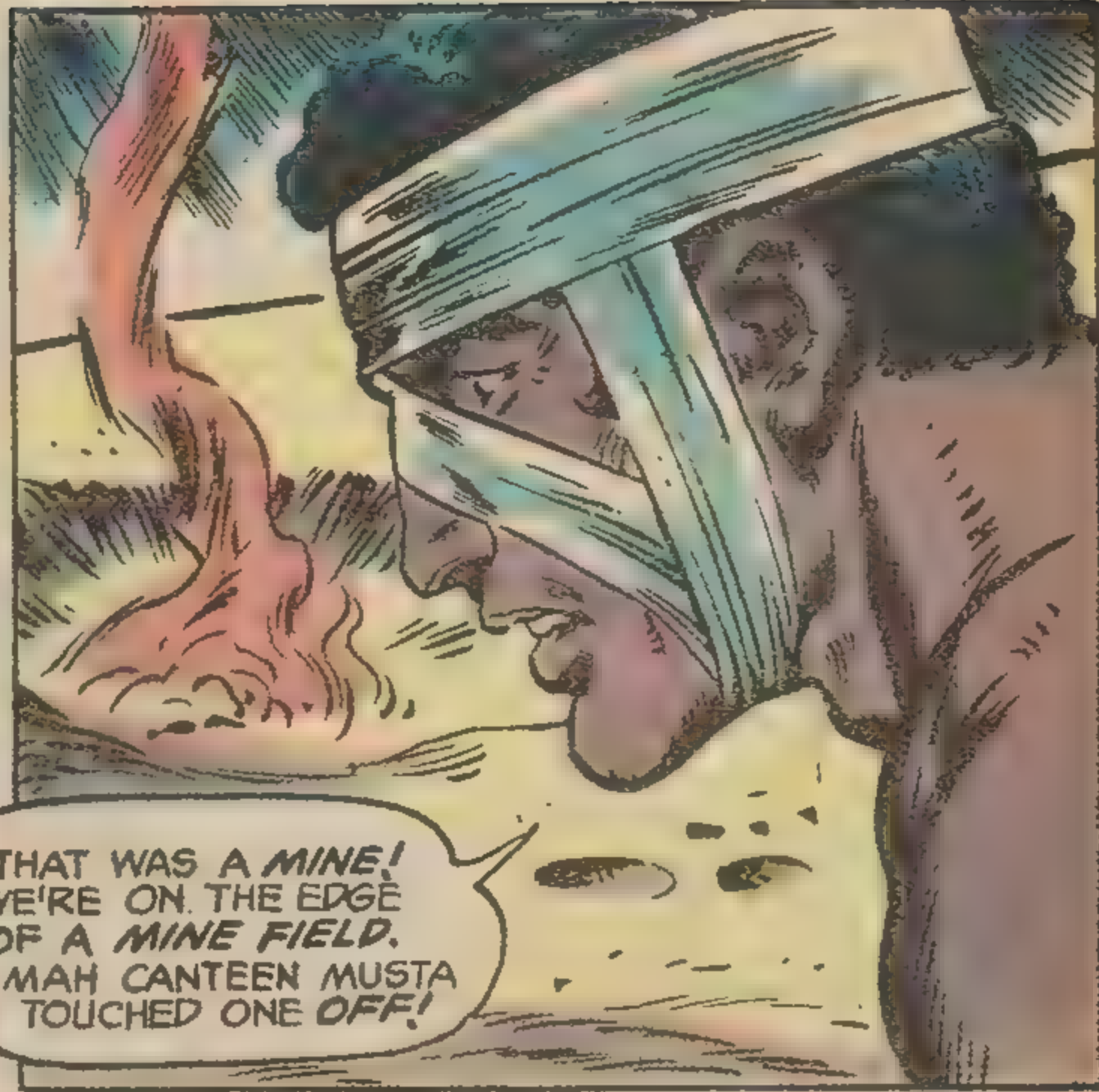
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WHO'S DOIN' THE *SHELLIN'*? THERE ISN'T A *TANK* IN SIGHT EXCEPT FOR OURS!

THAT WAS NO *SHELL* FIRE...



THAT WAS A *MINE*! WE'RE ON THE EDGE OF A *MINE* FIELD. MAH CANTEEN MUSTA TOUCHED ONE OFF!



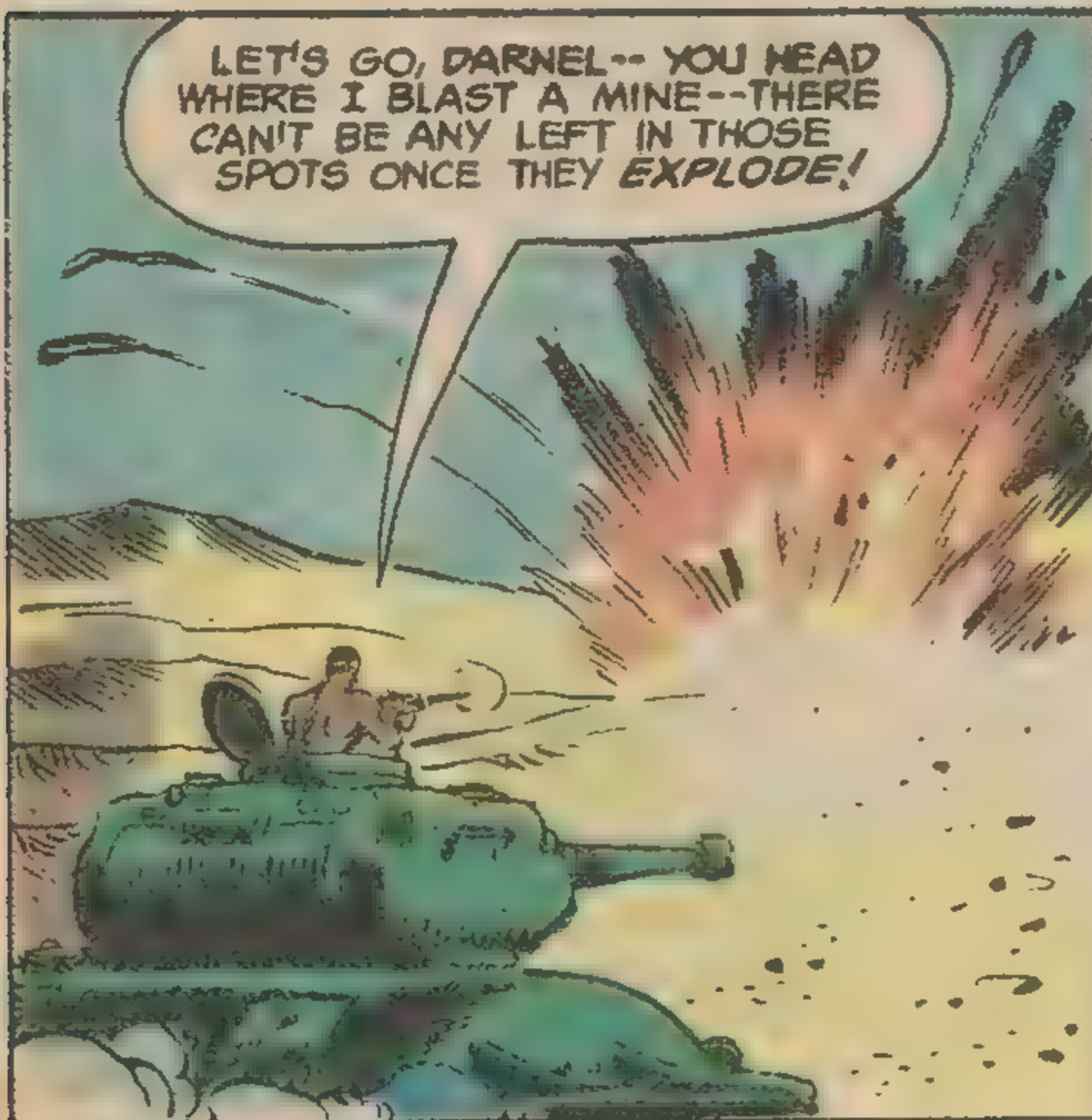
C'MON! I'M BETTING VON KING'S HEADED *DUE EAST*-- RIGHT THROUGH THAT FIELD!

HIS PEOPLE PLANTED THEM UNDER COVER OF NIGHT AS THEY MOVED ACROSS THE DESERT!

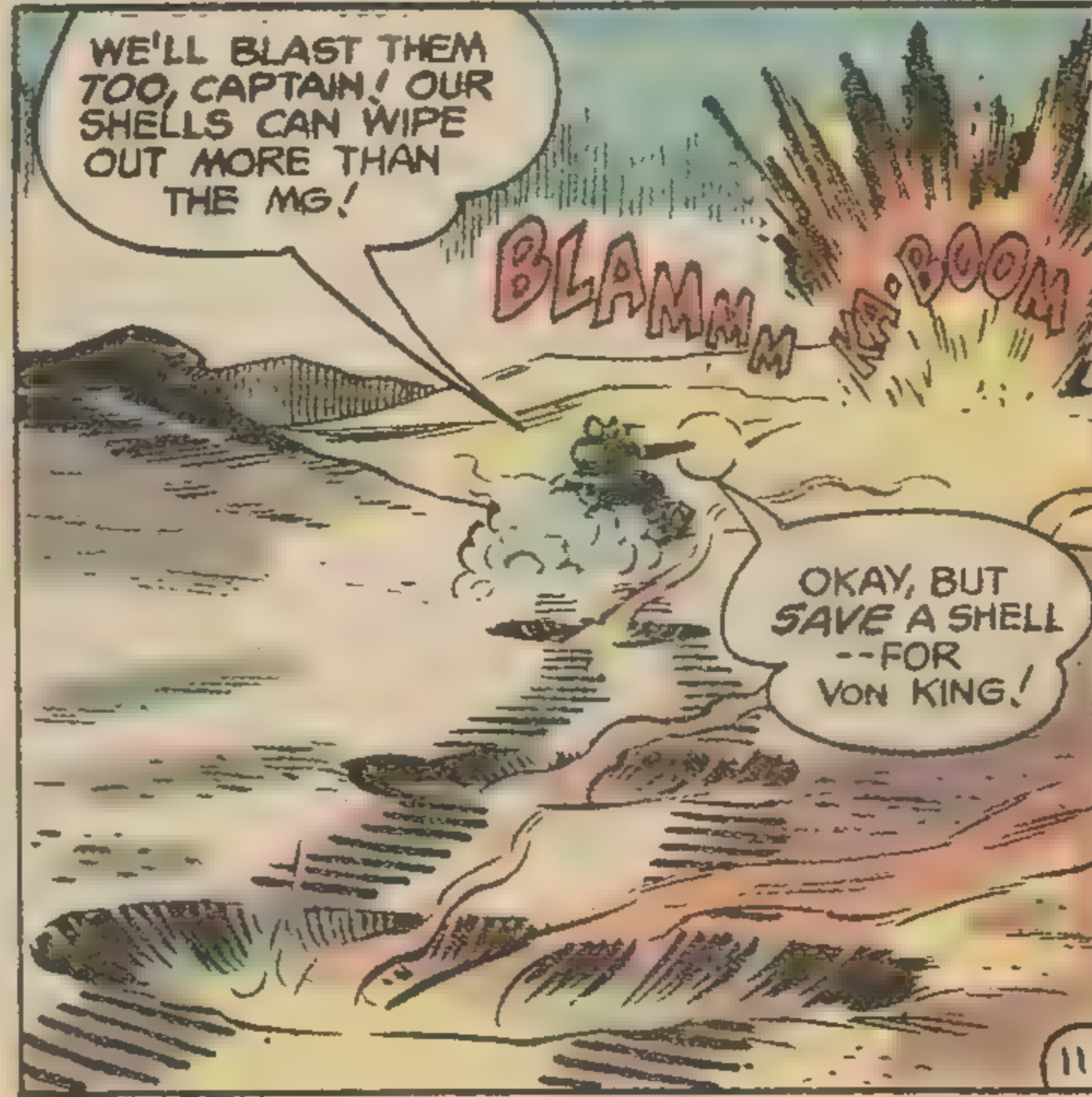
BUT HOW ARE YOU FIGURING TO GET PAST THE FIELD?



WE'LL *BLAST* OUR WAY THROUGH. IF HE TOOK THE TIME TO LAY A *MINE*FIELD, HE CAN'T BE TOO FAR OFF!

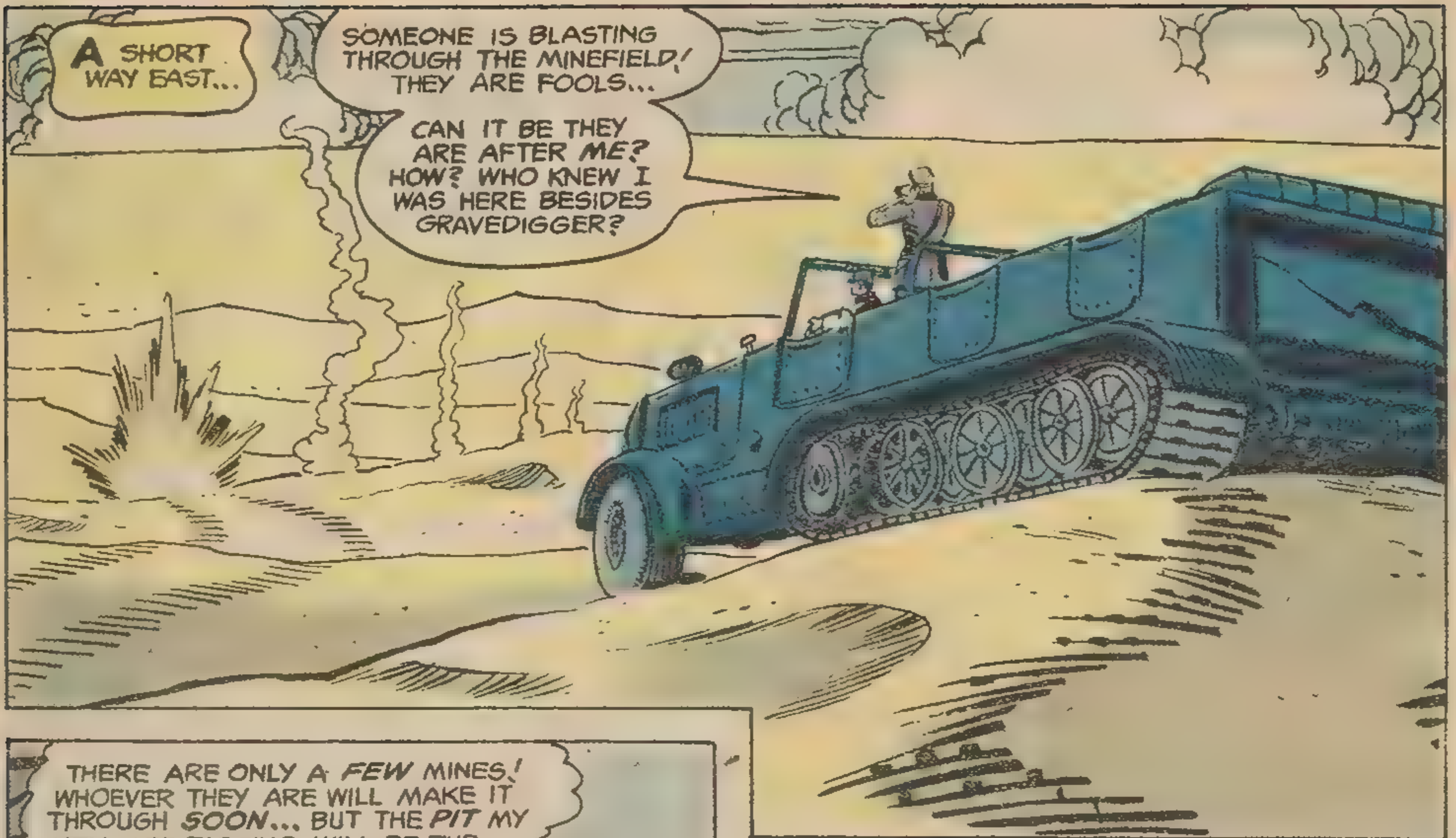


LET'S GO, DARNEL-- YOU HEAD WHERE I BLAST A *MINE*--THERE CAN'T BE ANY LEFT IN THOSE SPOTS ONCE THEY *EXPLODE*!



WE'LL BLAST THEM TOO, CAPTAIN! OUR *SHELLS* CAN WIPE OUT MORE THAN THE *MG*!

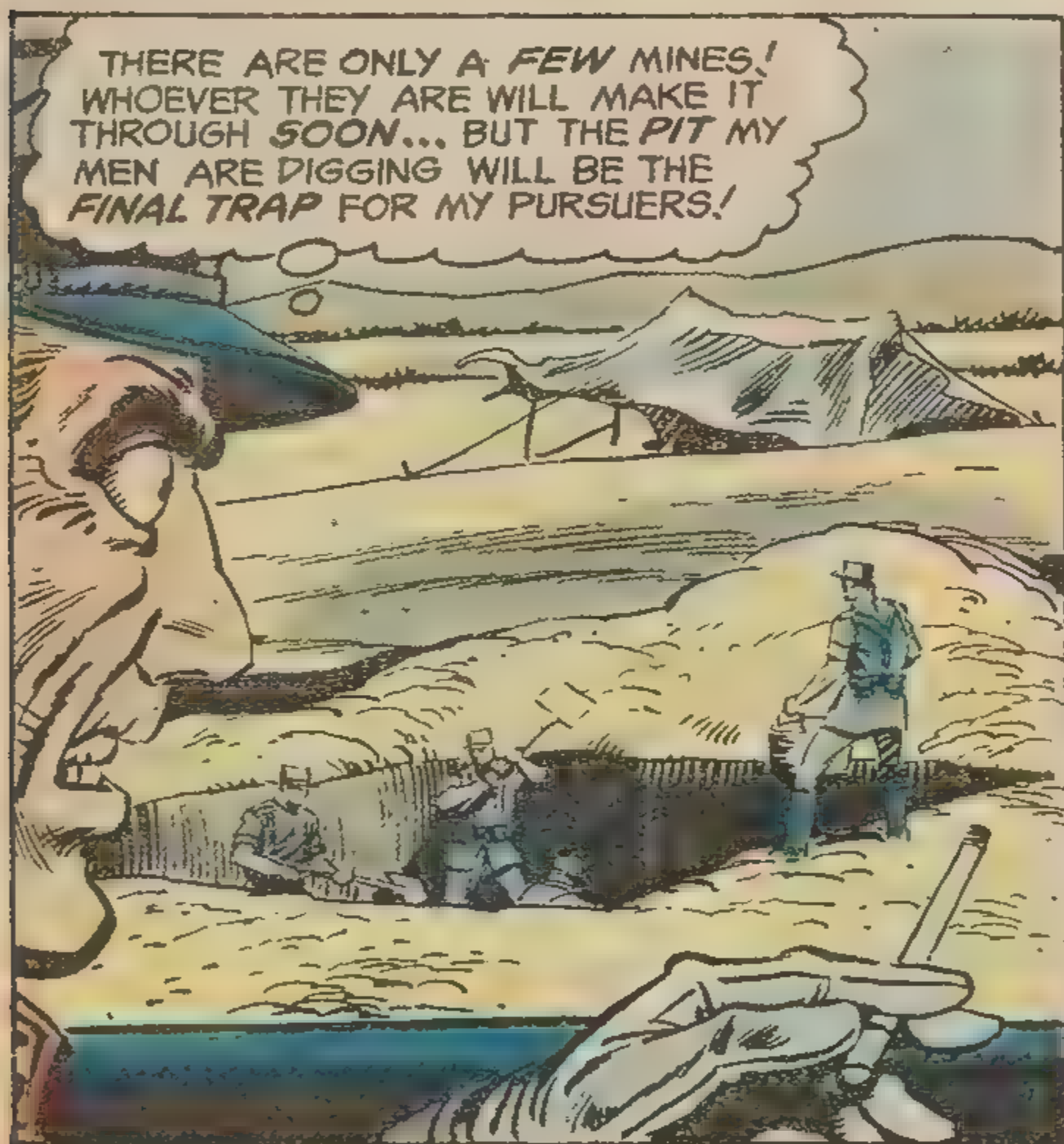
OKAY, BUT *SAVE* A *SHELL* --FOR VON KING!



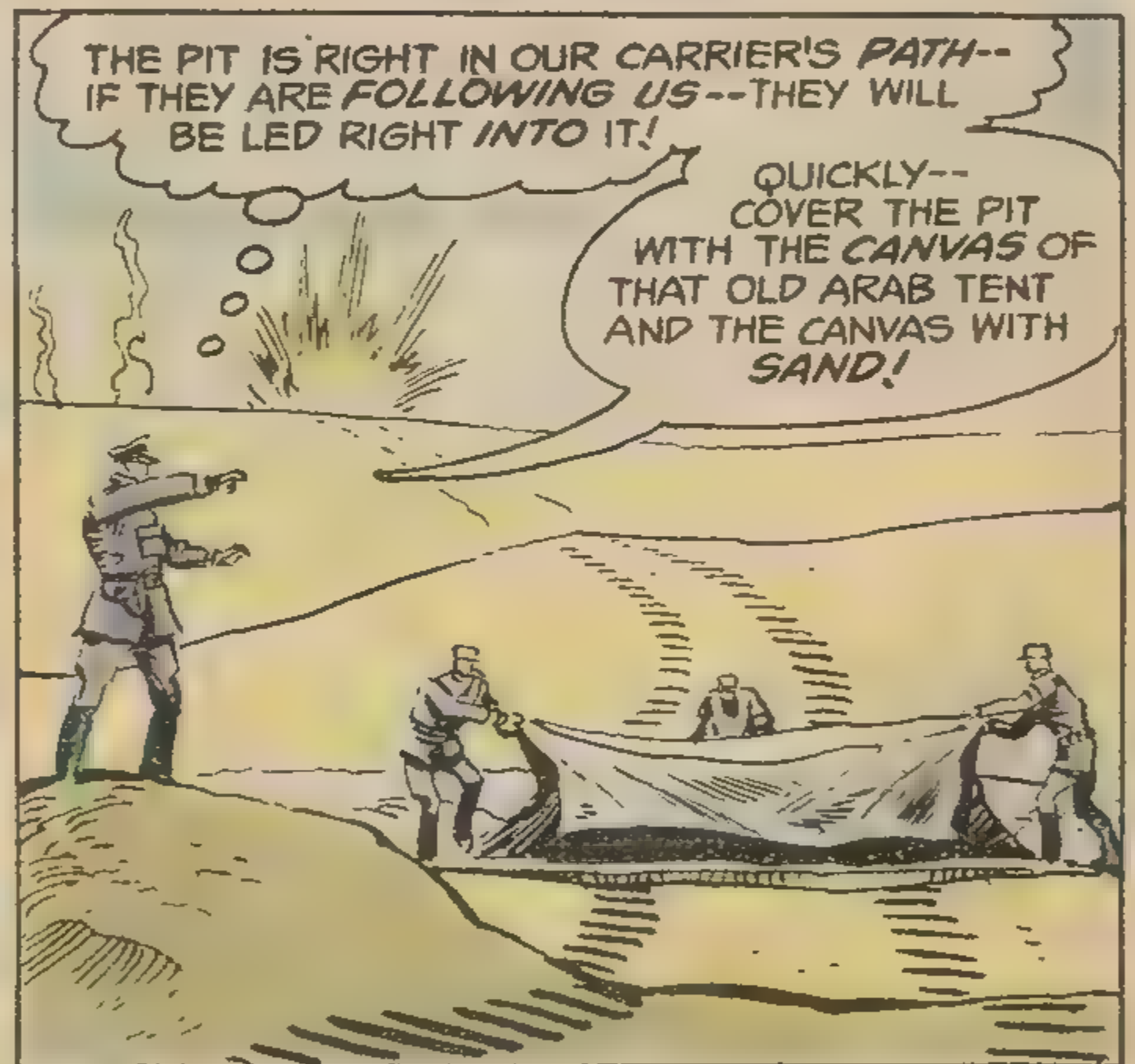
A SHORT WAY EAST...

SOMEONE IS BLASTING THROUGH THE MINEFIELD! THEY ARE FOOLS...

CAN IT BE THEY ARE AFTER ME? HOW? WHO KNEW I WAS HERE BESIDES GRAVEDIGGER?



THERE ARE ONLY A FEW MINES! WHOEVER THEY ARE WILL MAKE IT THROUGH SOON... BUT THE PIT MY MEN ARE DIGGING WILL BE THE FINAL TRAP FOR MY PURSUERS!



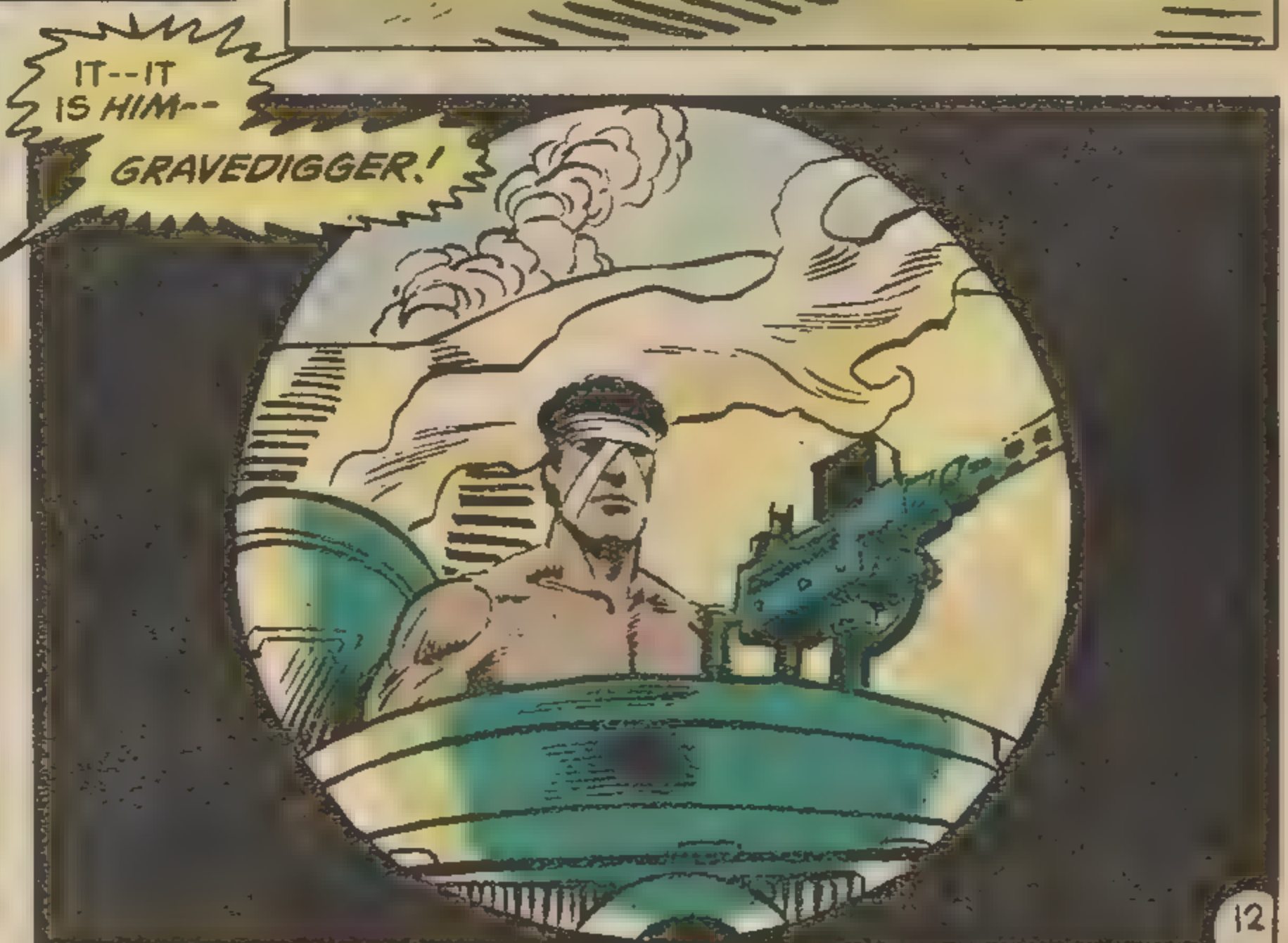
THE PIT IS RIGHT IN OUR CARRIER'S PATH-- IF THEY ARE FOLLOWING US--THEY WILL BE LED RIGHT INTO IT!

QUICKLY-- COVER THE PIT WITH THE CANVAS OF THAT OLD ARAB TENT AND THE CANVAS WITH SAND!



THEY ARE THROUGH THE MINEFIELD-- THEY'VE FOUND OUR TRACKS AND ARE FOLLOWING!

THEY-- WHAT!? NO! IT CANNOT BE!



IT--IT IS HIM--

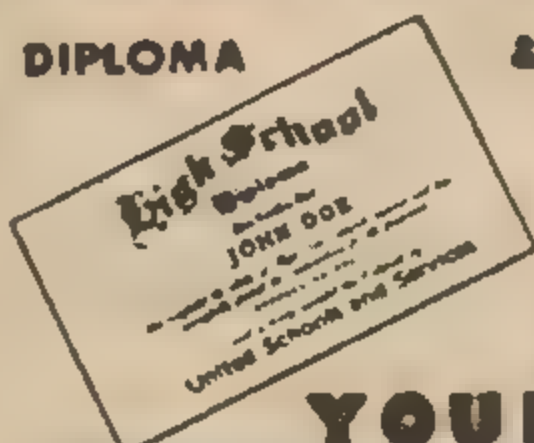
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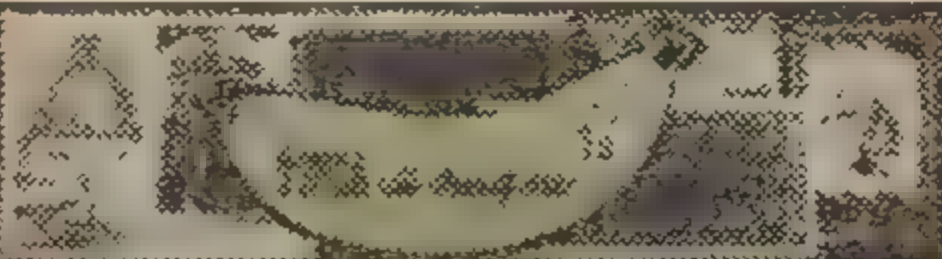
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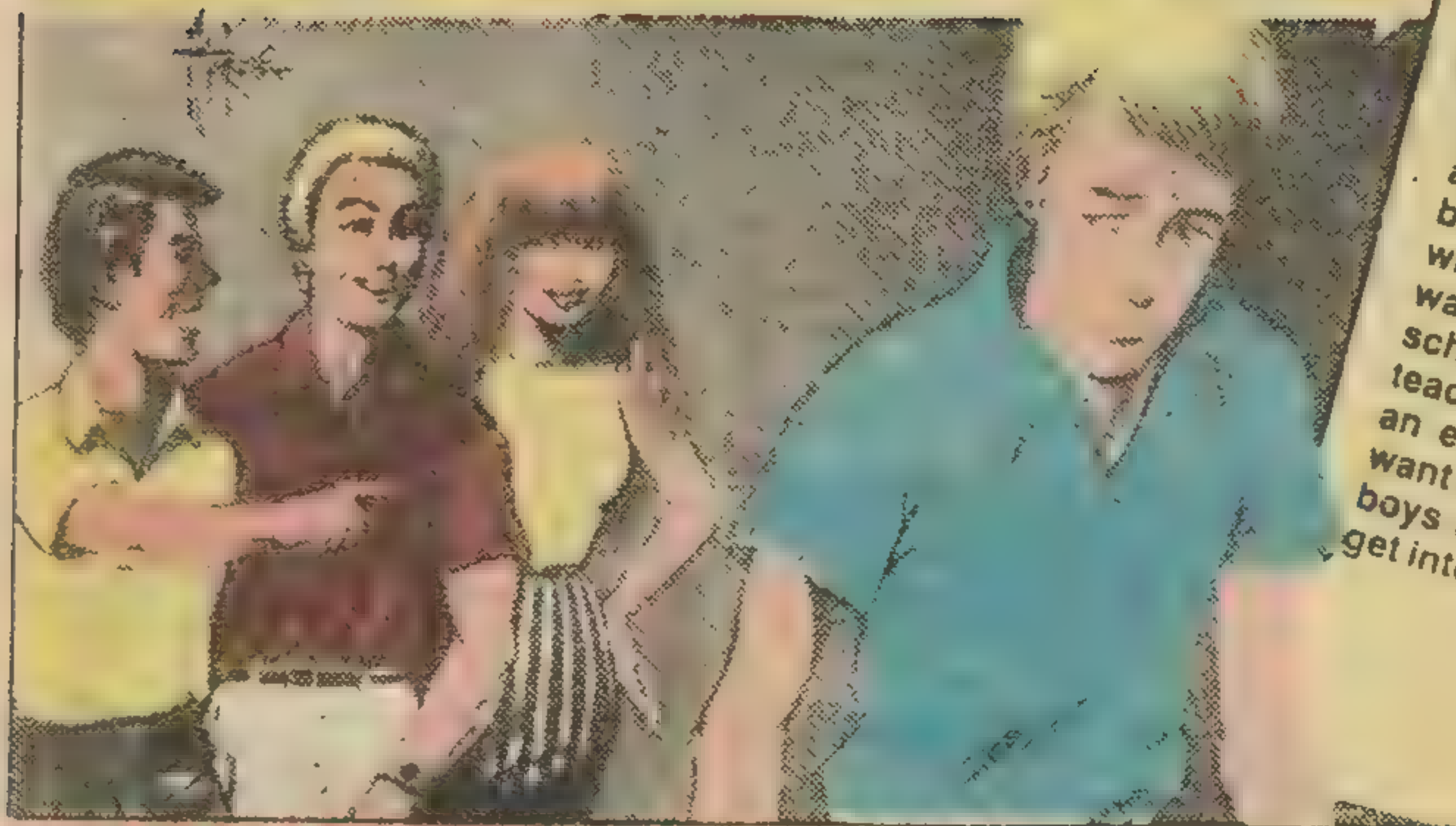
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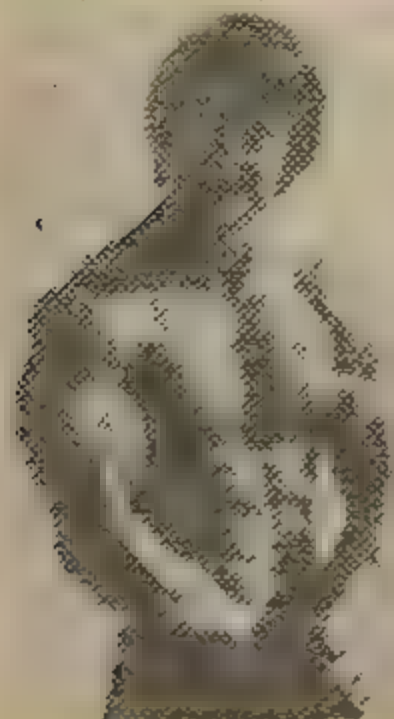
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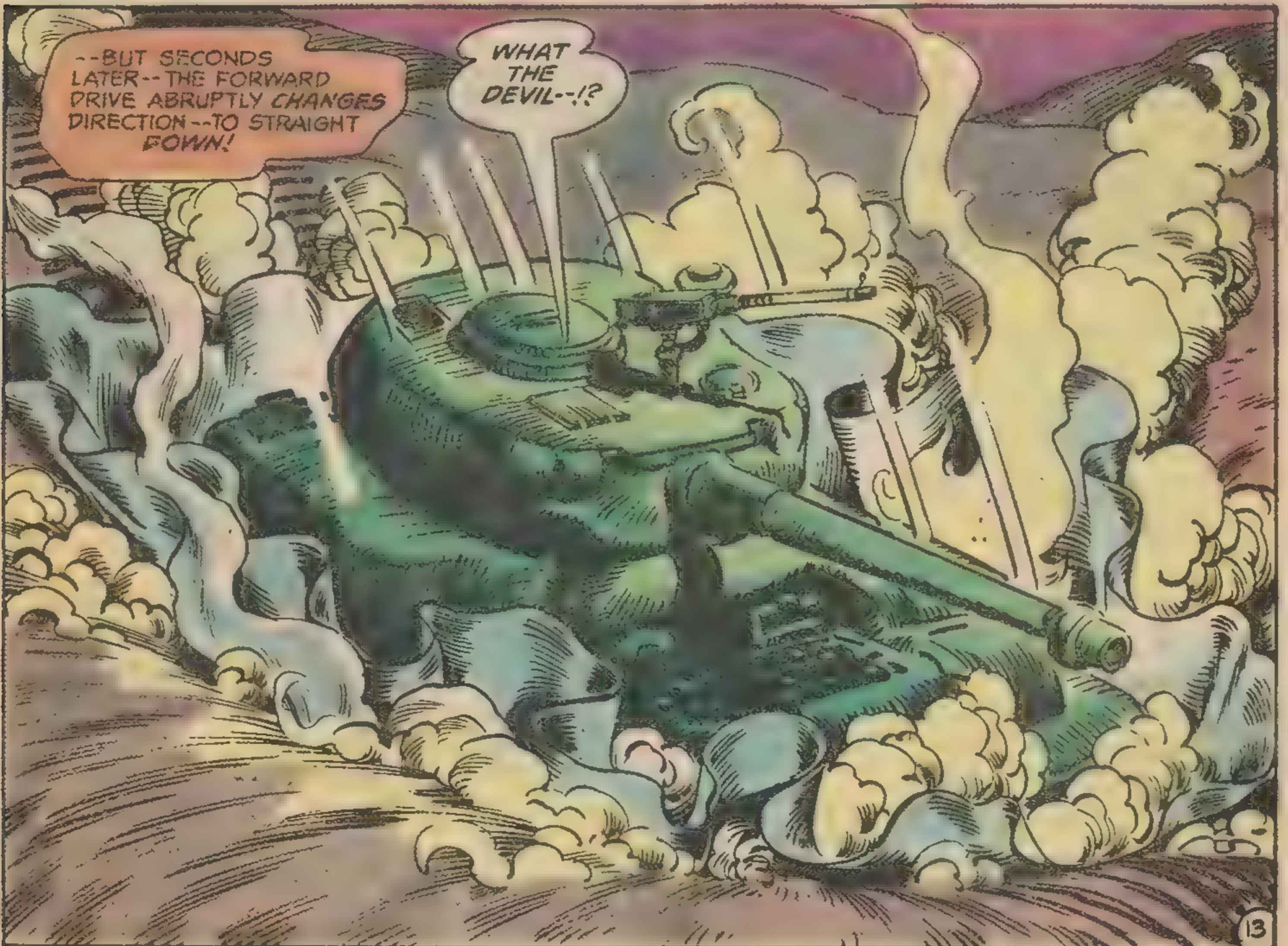
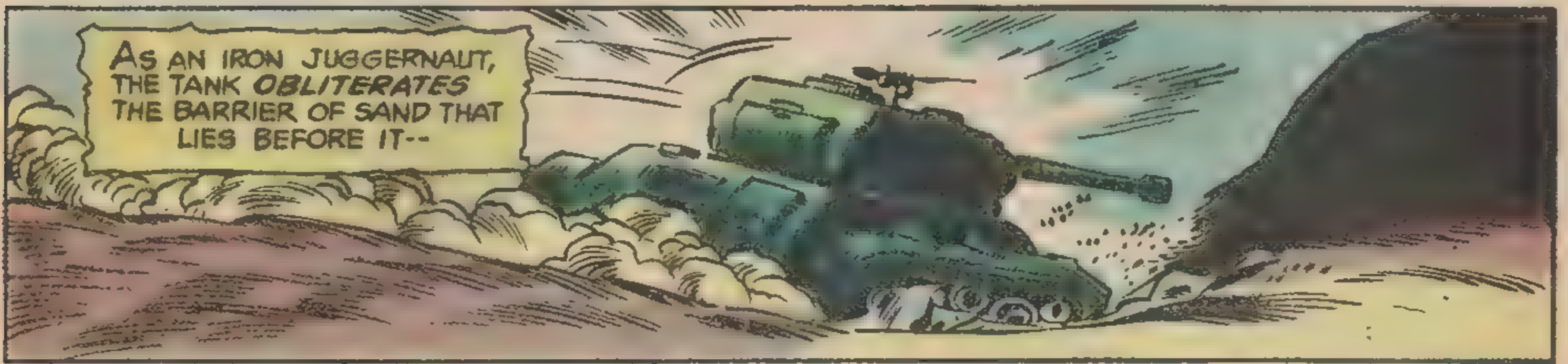
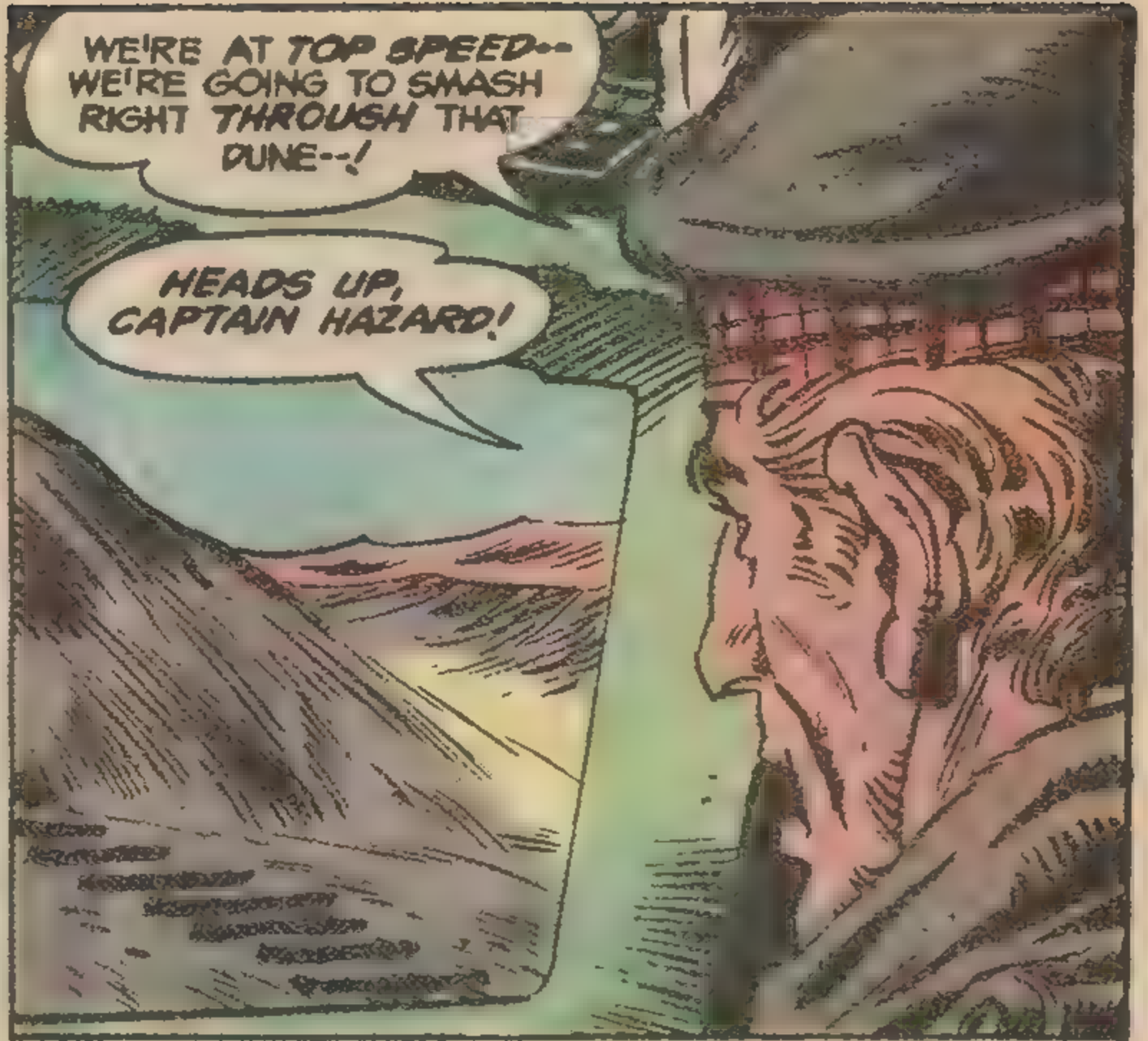
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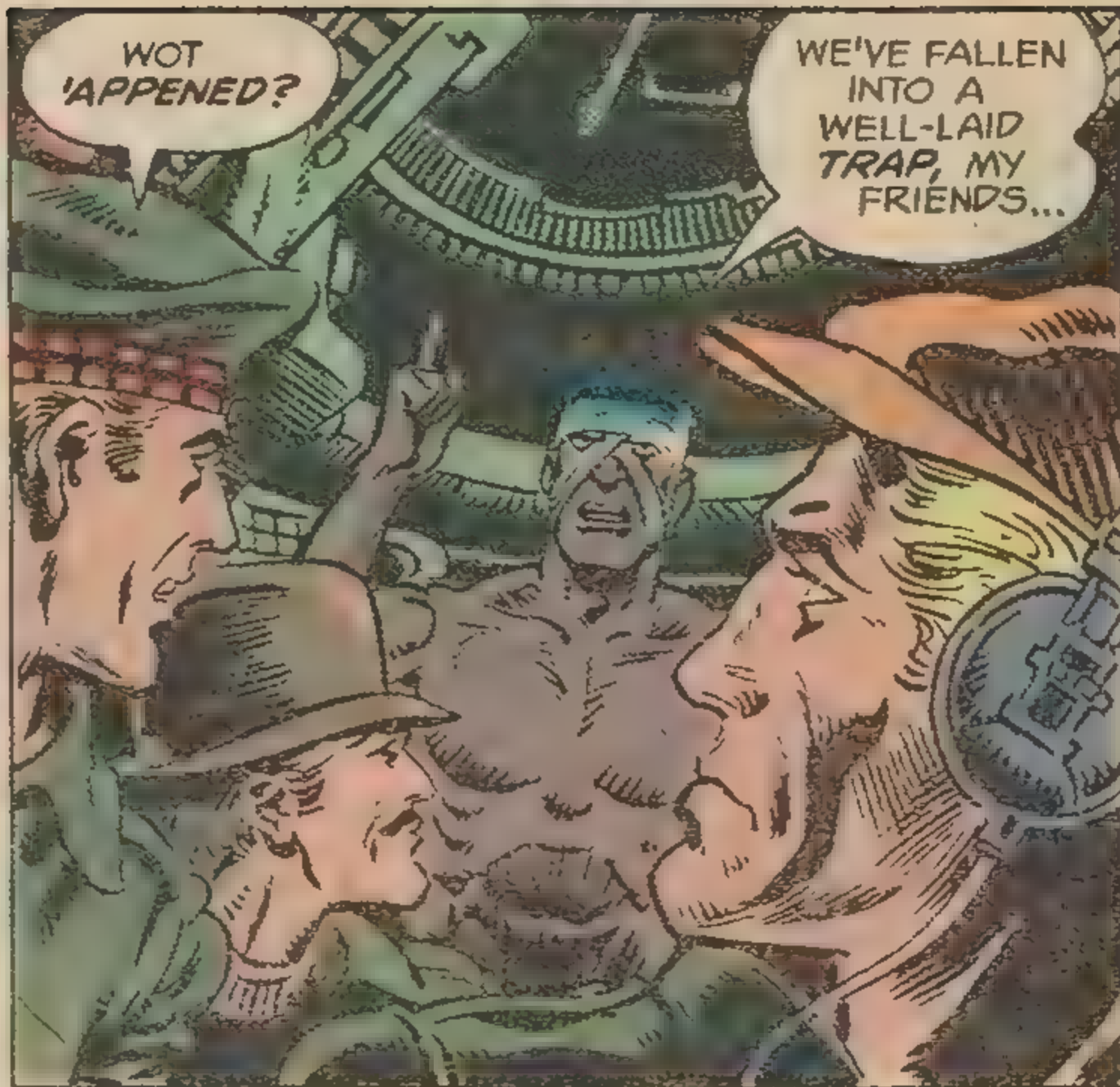
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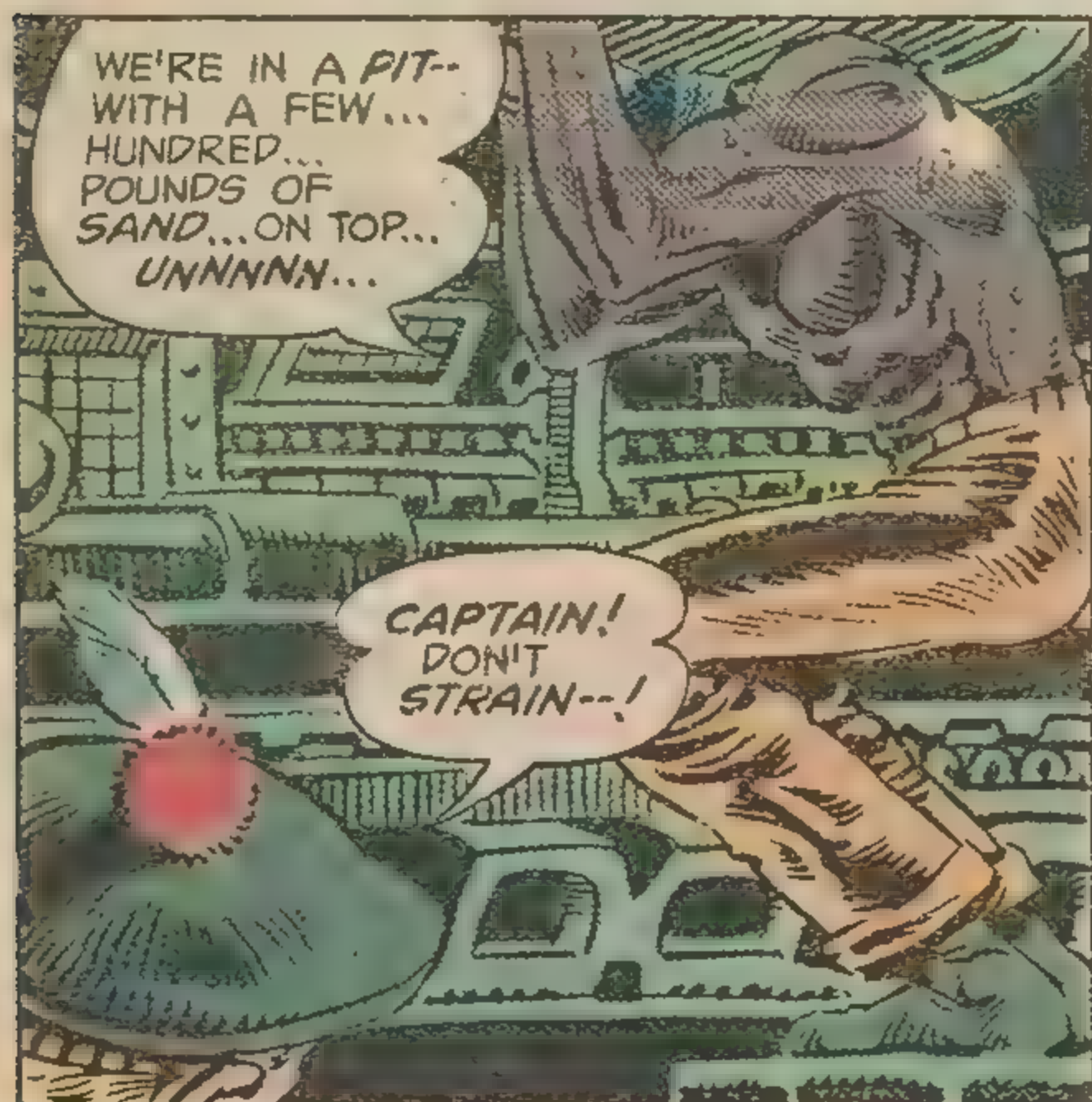
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HAS BURIED THEM--
BURIED THEM ALIVE!

HA HA
HA!



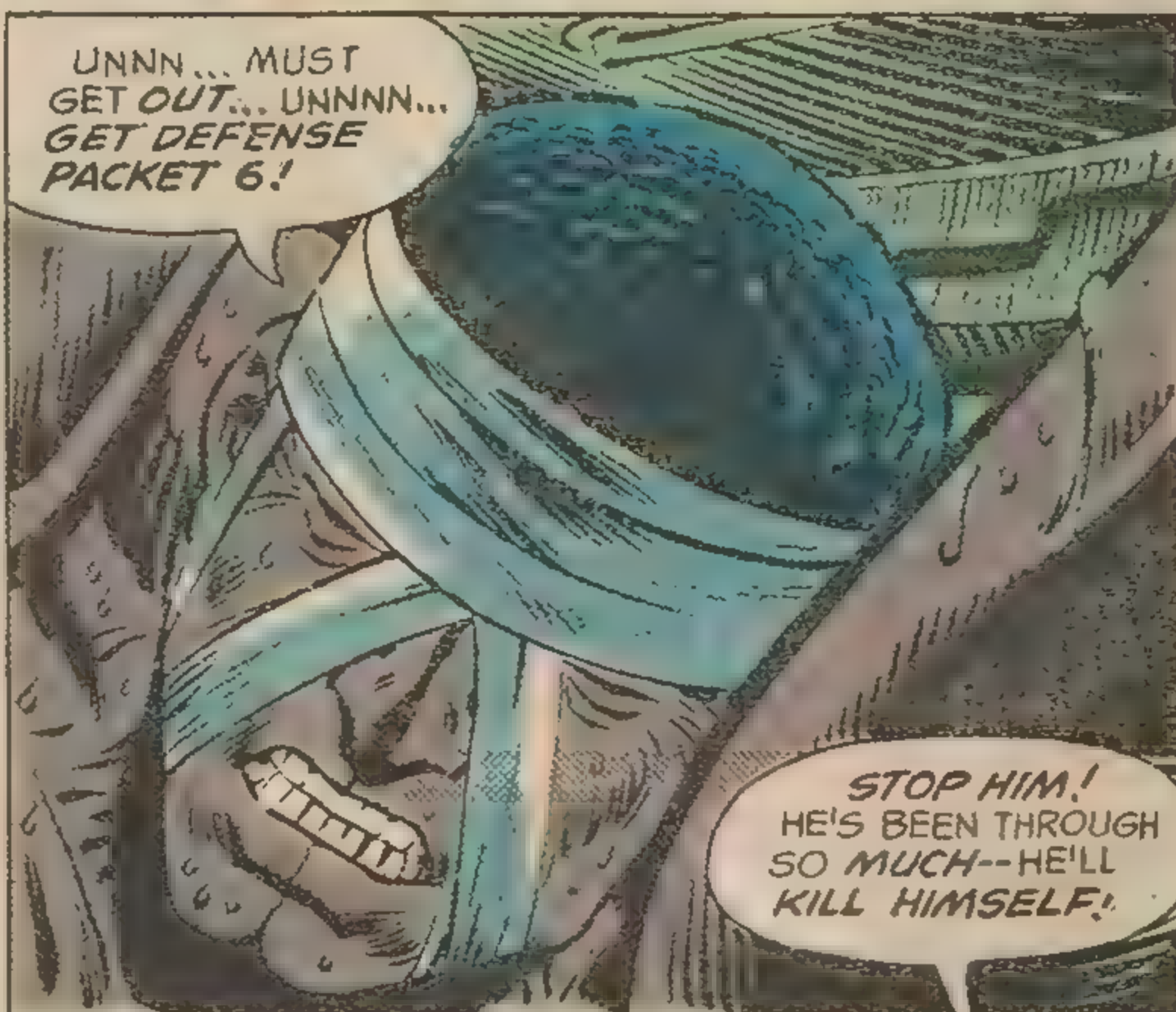
WOT
'APPENED?

WE'VE FALLEN
INTO A
WELL-LAID
TRAP, MY
FRIENDS...



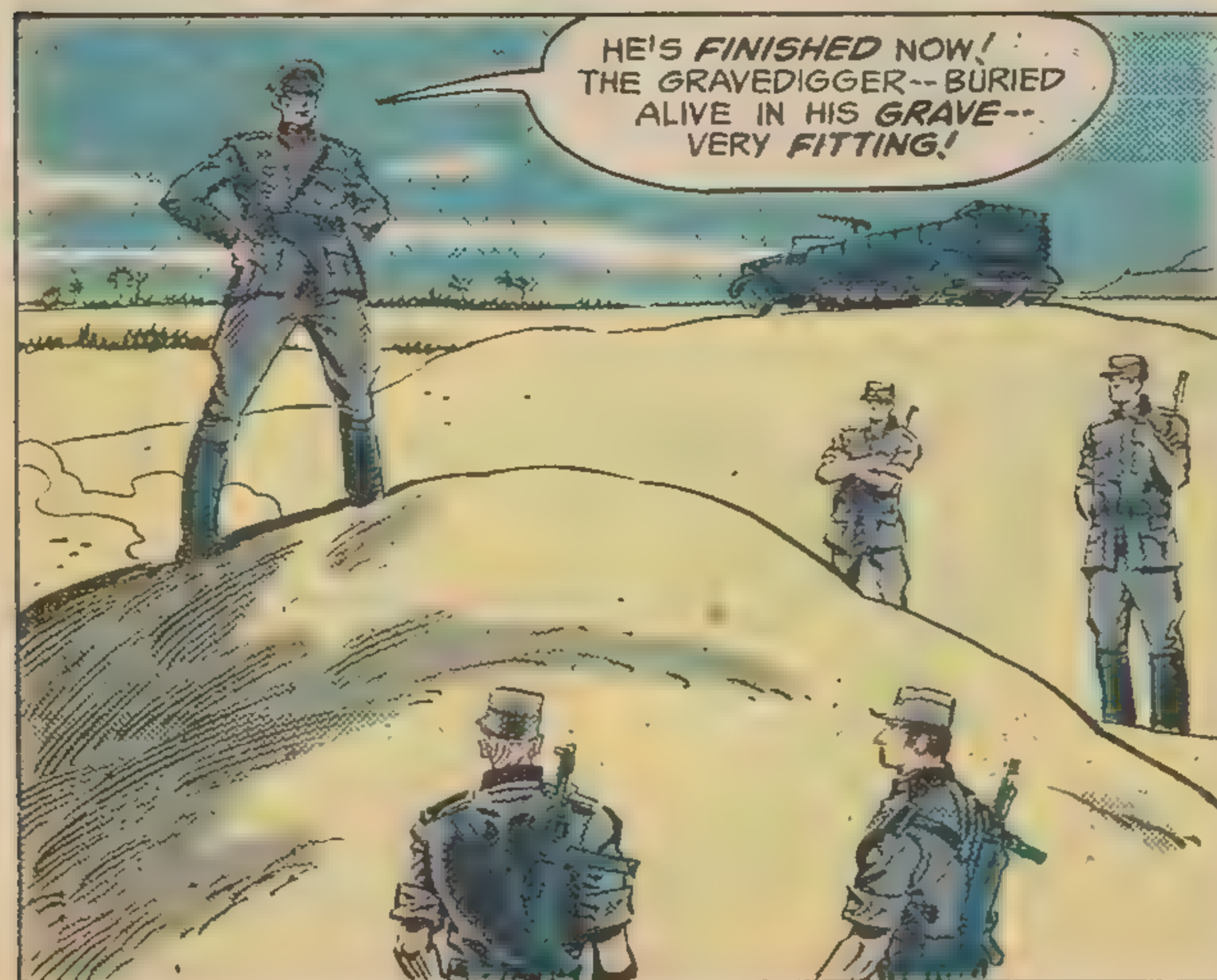
WE'RE IN A PIT--
WITH A FEW...
HUNDRED...
POUNDS OF
SAND... ON TOP...
UNNNNN...

CAPTAIN!
DON'T
STRAIN--!

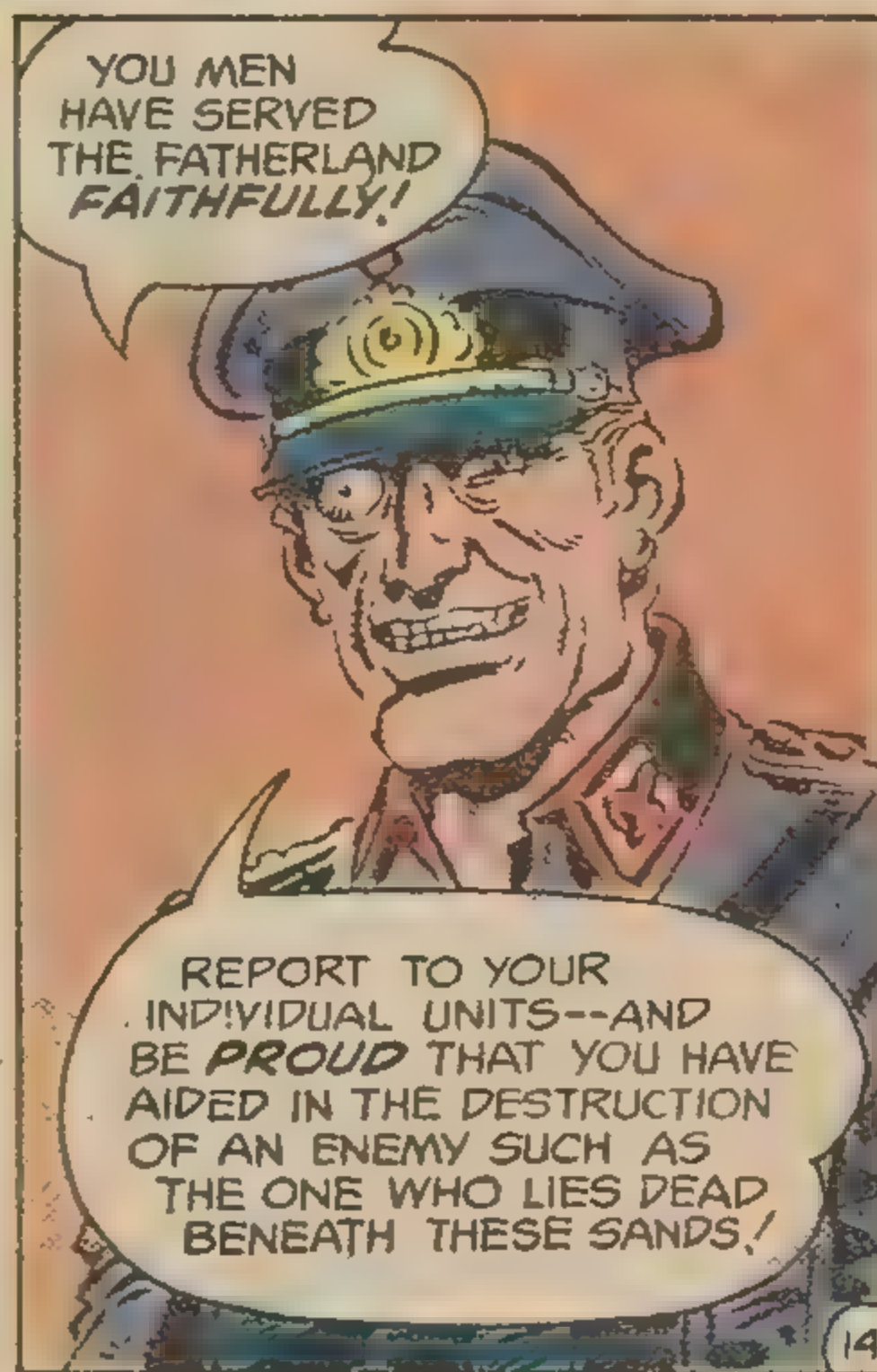


UNNN... MUST
GET OUT... UNNNN...
GET DEFENSE
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STOP HIM!
HE'S BEEN THROUGH
SO MUCH--HE'LL
KILL HIMSELF!



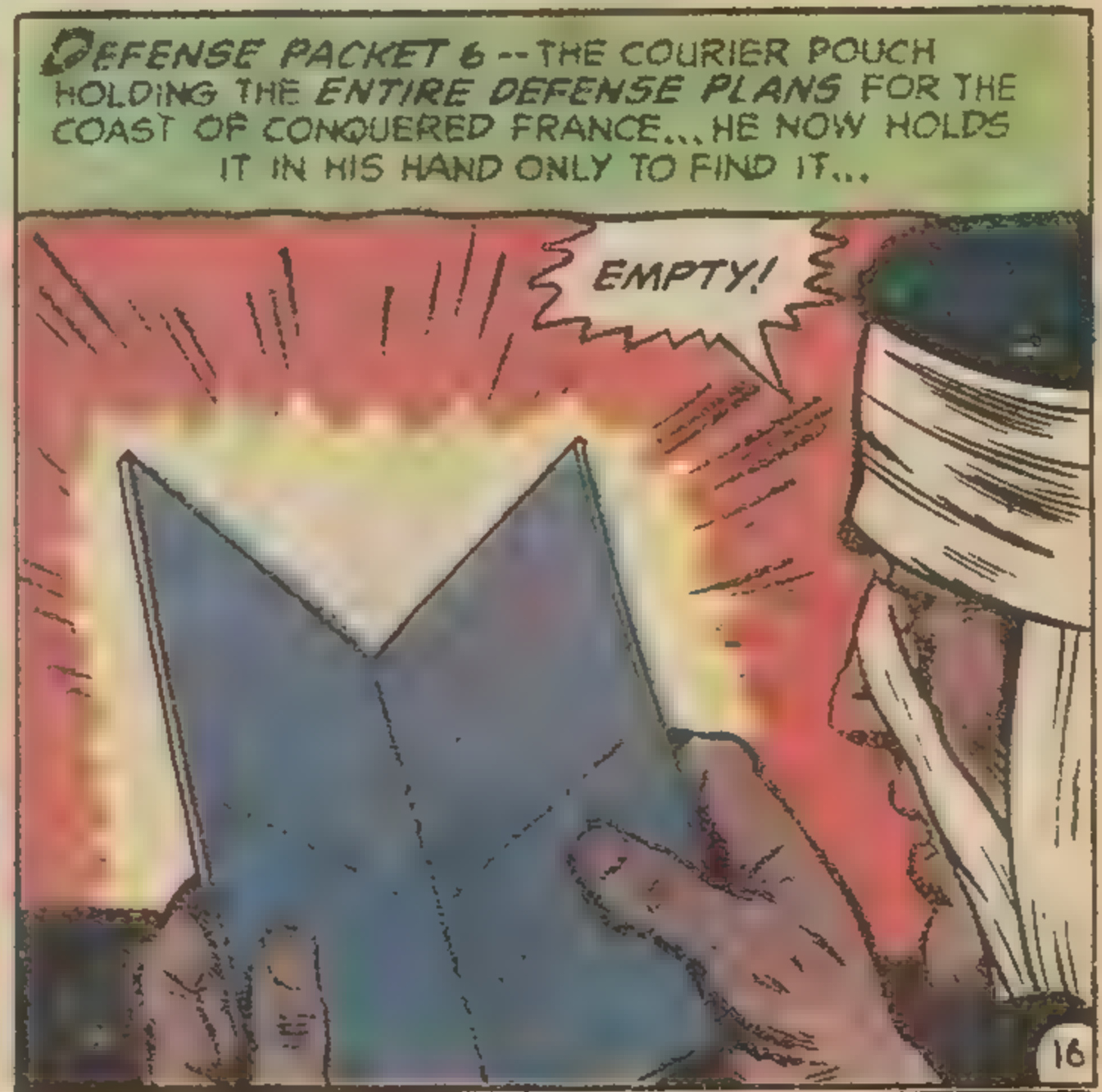
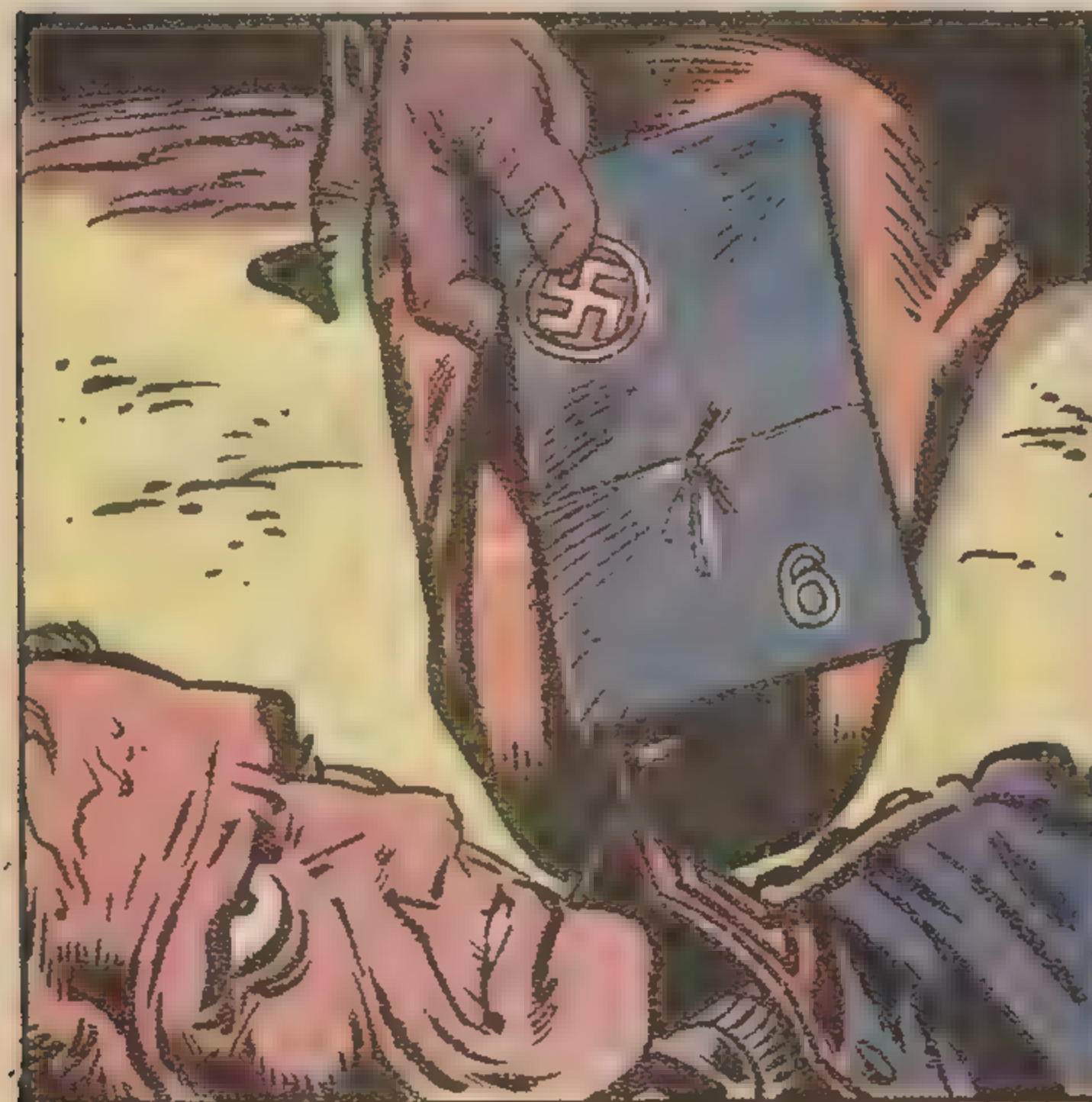
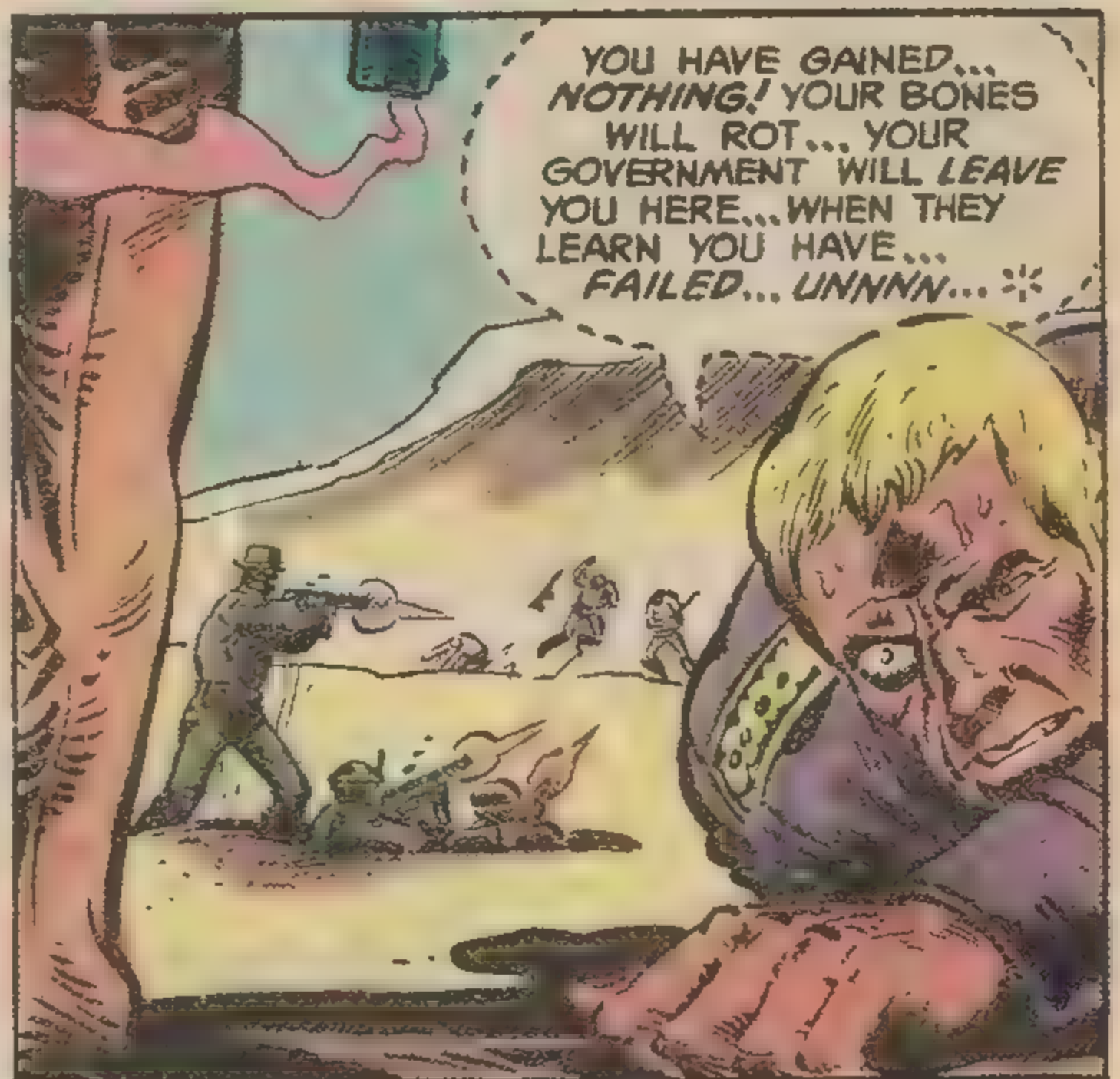
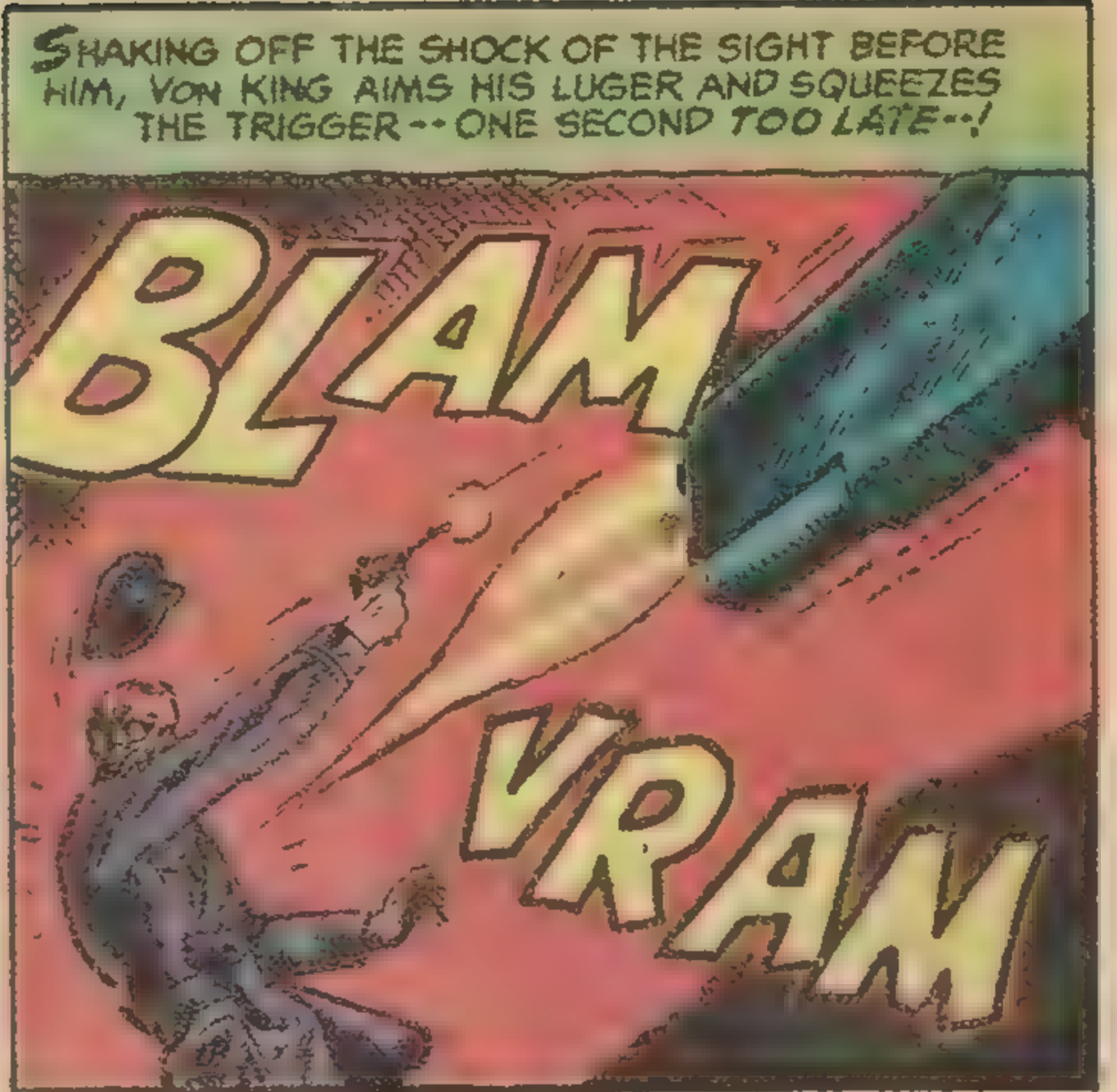
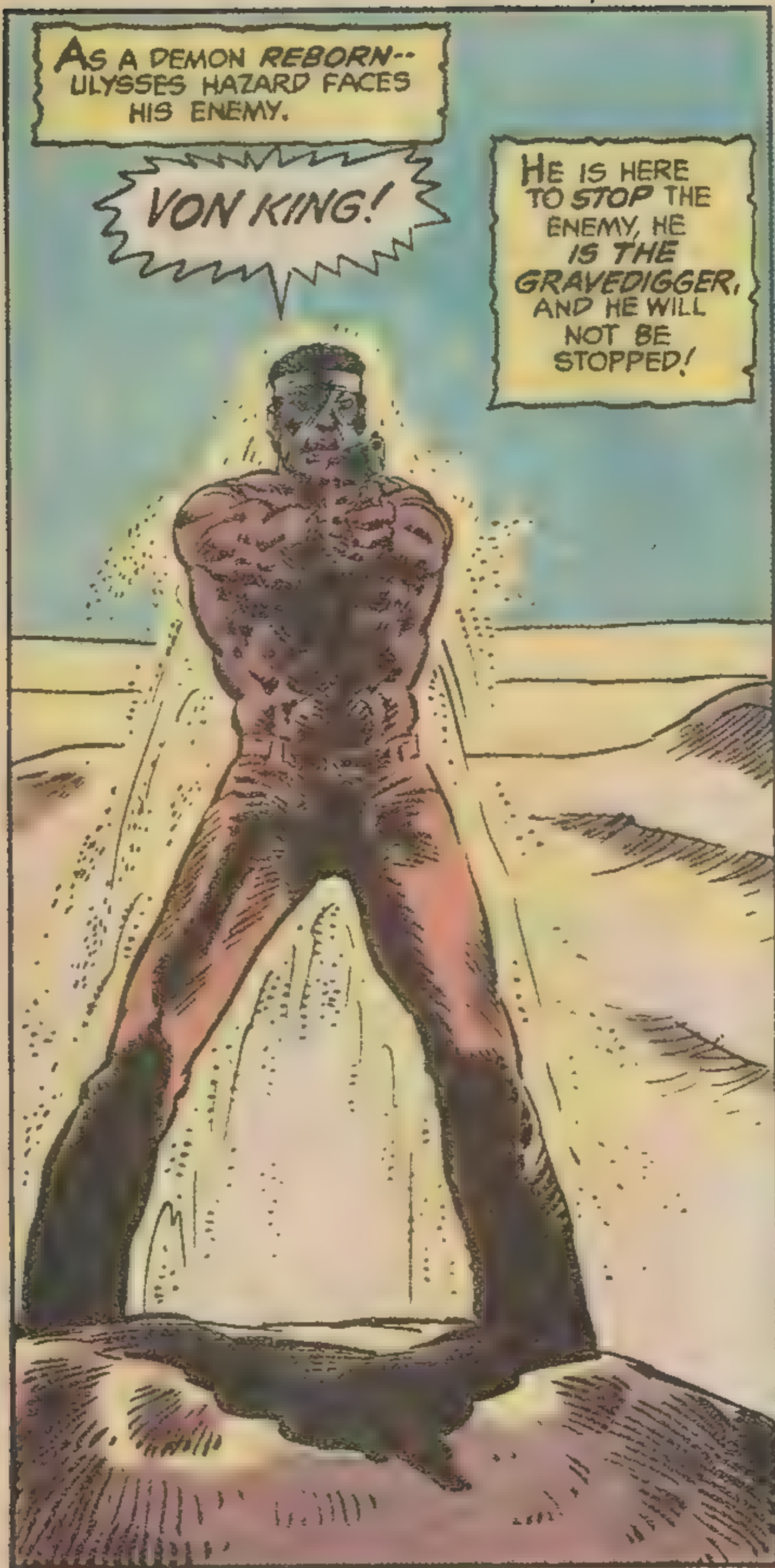
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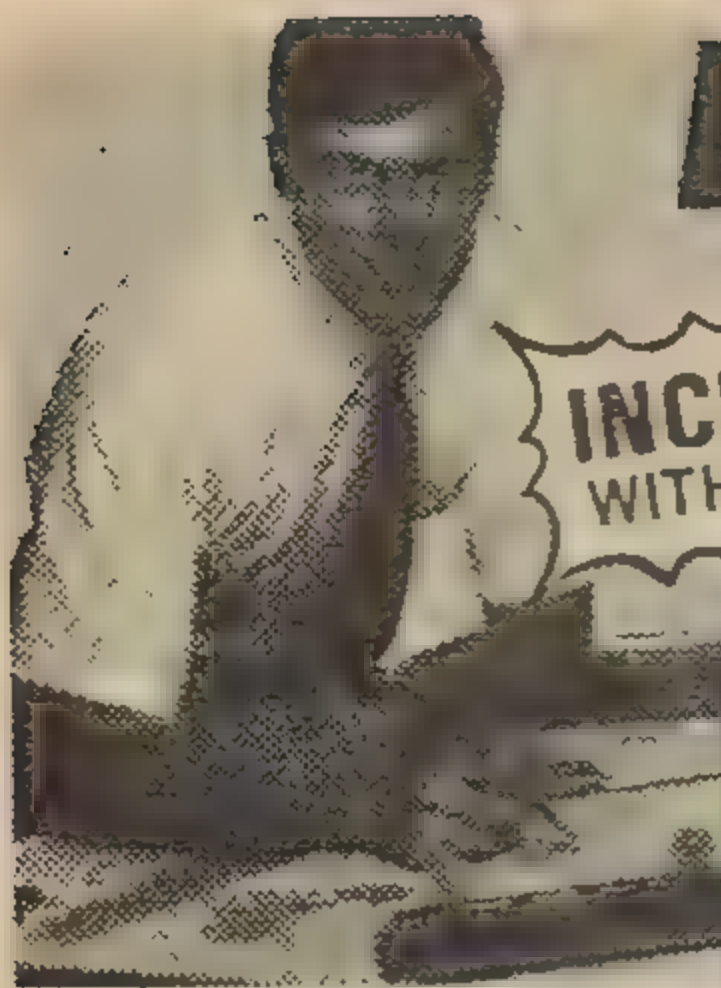


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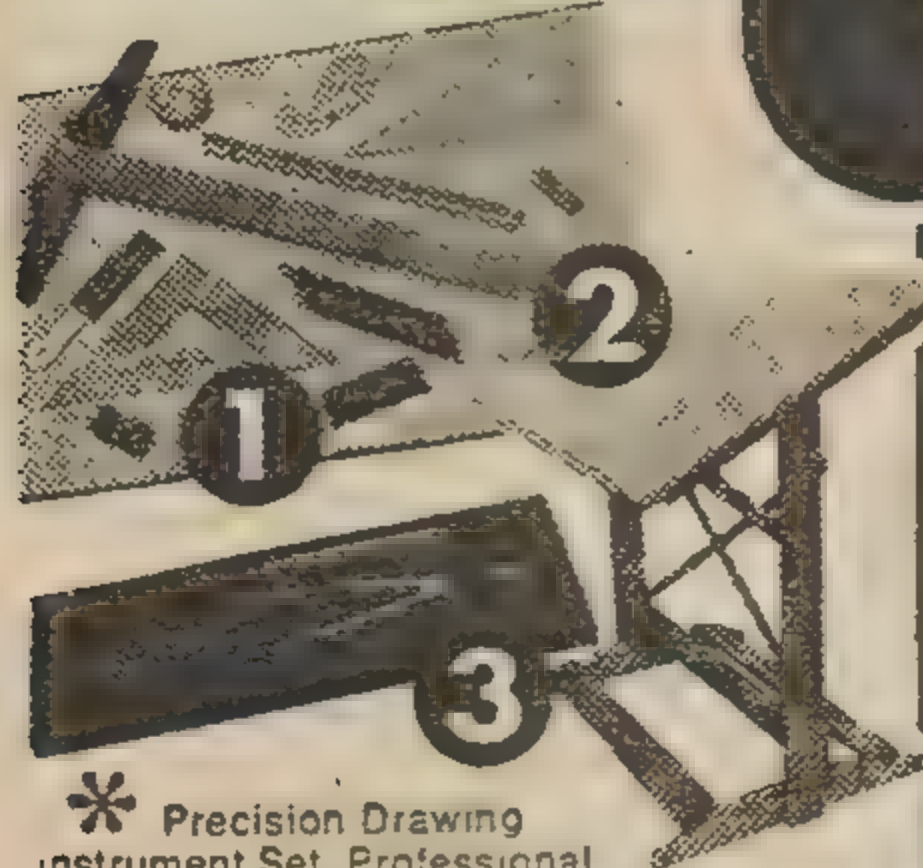
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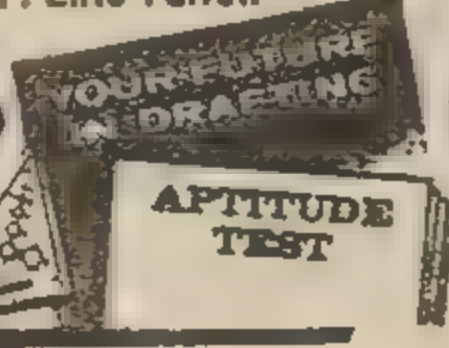
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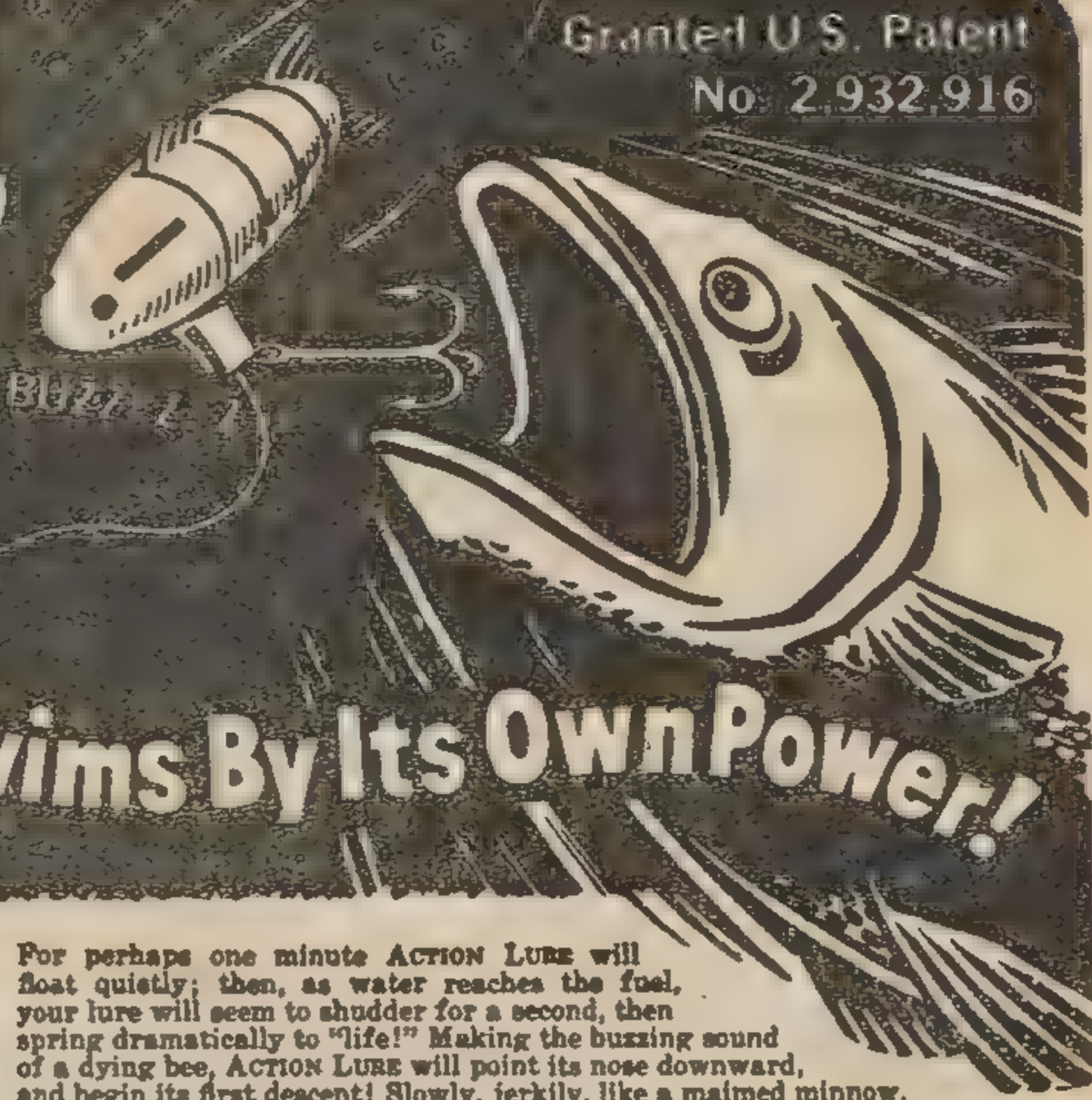
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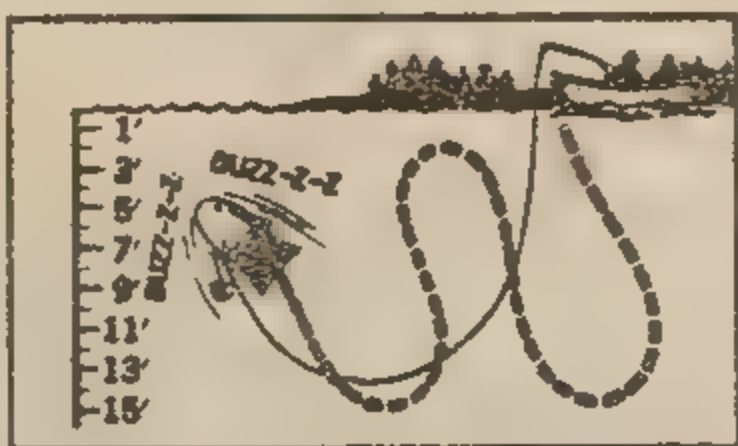


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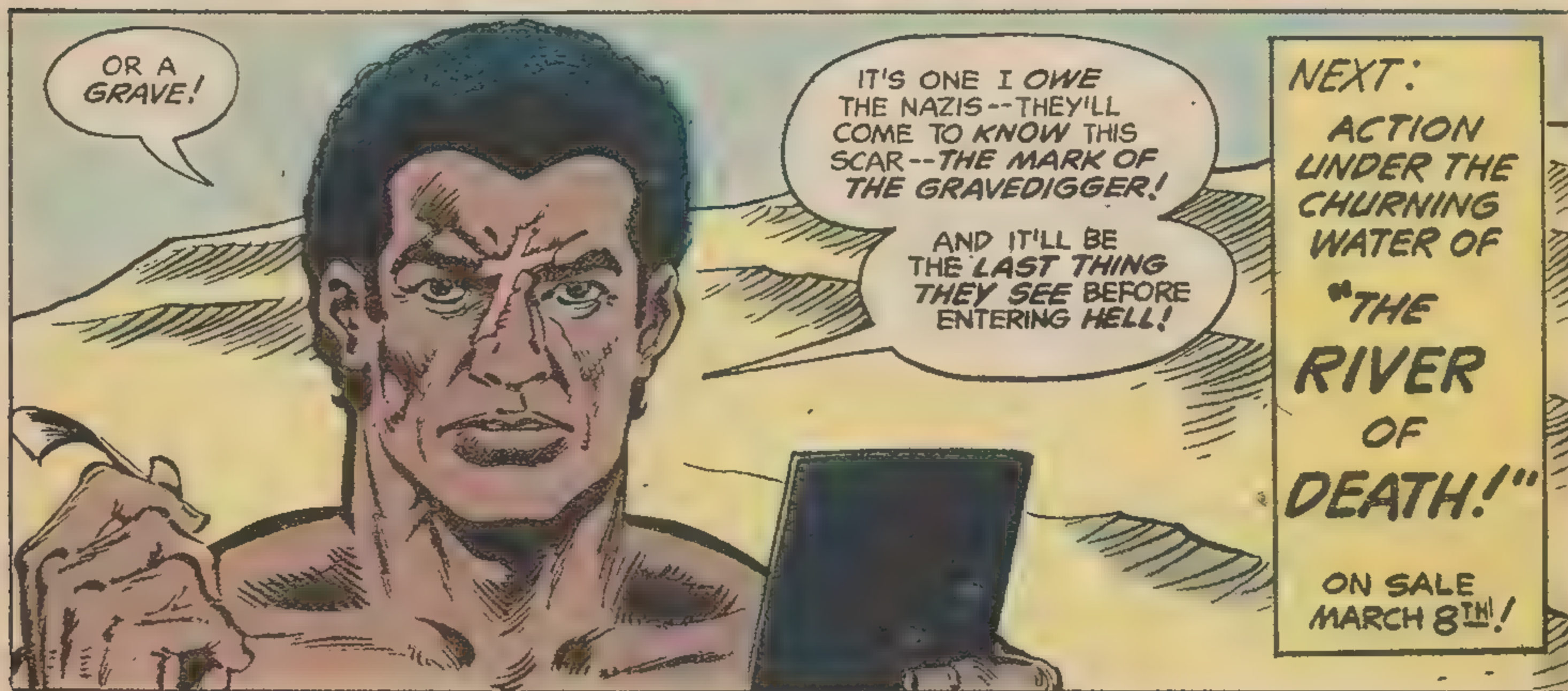
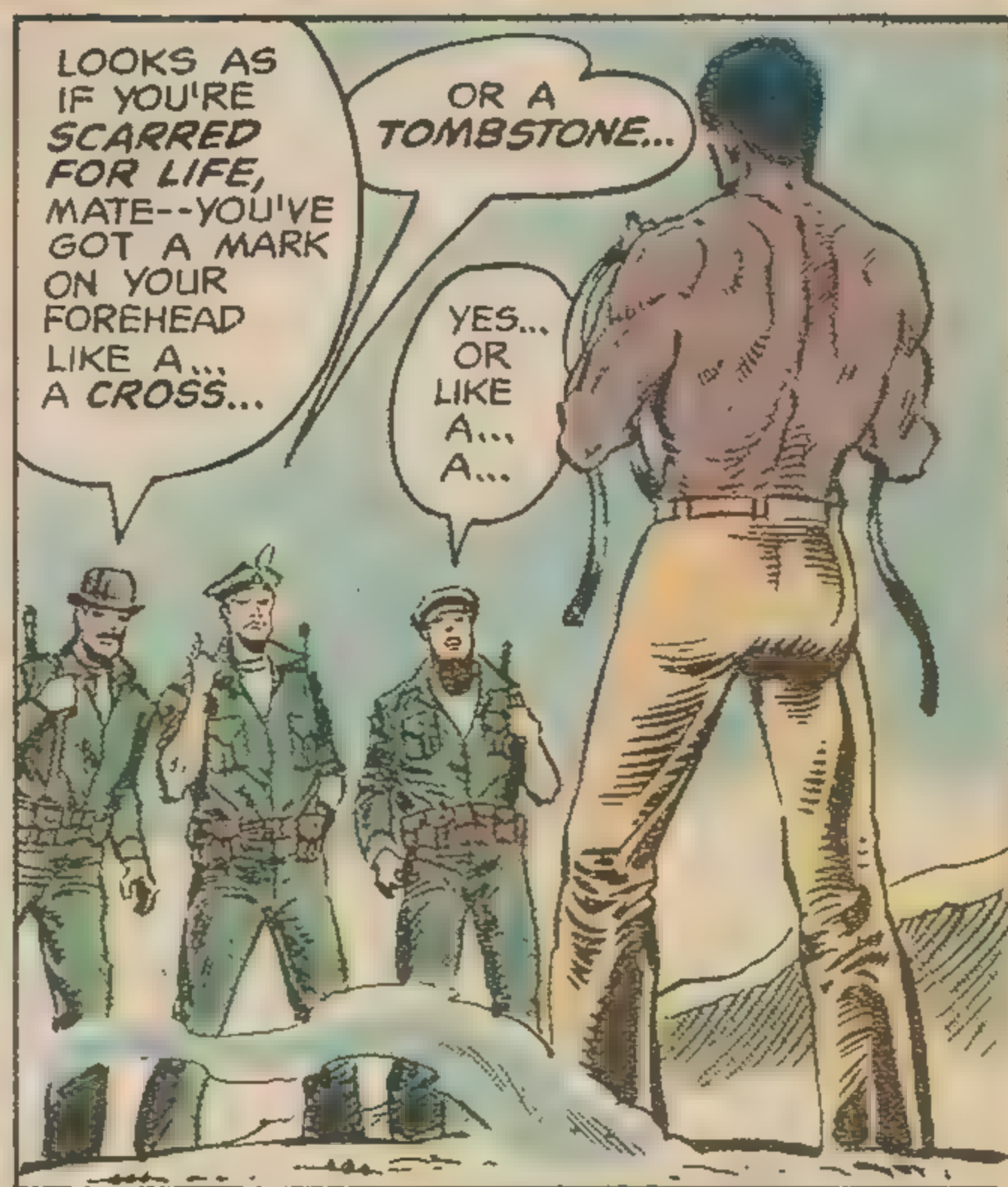
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Dear Paul,

MEN OF WAR #11 brought feelings of happiness and sadness to me at the same time. I'm very glad to see that you've made the move to monthly status, because I feel that Gravedigger, more than any other DC war character, needs that sort of continuity. But the loss of the three feature format is a big blow.

To return to the question of Gravedigger for a moment, my feelings stem from the heavy level of continuity that you, David Michelinie and Roger McKenzie have consistently interjected into the series. Rock, the Unknown Soldier, and all the other DC war series are generally series only in that each issue of the magazine features a new story about the characters. But Gravedigger has the flow of a super-hero series, and that's an important part of its charm.

If anything, I think you might have gone a bit too far in the direction of continuity. Occasionally, as with this story, I wonder if the main thrust of the character is being lost. Gravedigger was originally supposed to be a super-soldier aimed at the Nazi's war effort, and although his motives and actions this issue were very heroic, they do nothing to save Major Birch in Berlin or serve any other military purpose. I hope your next round of stories goes more in that direction.

Dateline: Frontline was fine, as usual. Cary Burkett and Jerry Grandenetti do a fine job of capturing the grit of war, and I'm always glad to see one of their tales make an appearance. I trust you will keep the promise of this issue's Battle Lines and bring them back again. . .soon.

John Elliot
393 East 68 Street
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Cary took a leave of absence from our pages to play Professor Henry Higgins in a production of "My Fair Lady," so Dateline: Frontline won't be appearing next issue, as originally scheduled, but he has turned in a new three-parter that will run in #21-23, if current plans hold.

Meanwhile, Paul Kupperberg crafted a new mini-series for **MEN OF WAR** about a nineteenth century spy known as Rosa, which Jerry Grandenetti is busy drawing up for next issue. And after that, *Enemy Ace* will fly again!—PL.

Dear Paul,

I didn't buy **MEN OF WAR** #11, but I thought I'd drop you a letter and explain just why I didn't. You see, I'm an *Enemy Ace* fan from way back. I missed the short stories in **OUR ARMY AT WAR**, but I picked up Von Hammer's **SHOWCASE** appearances and have faithfully followed him ever since. I will buy every issue of **MEN OF WAR** that features his adventures, but he's the only thing in your magazine that holds my interest.

Please feature more of *Enemy Ace*.

Larry Jenkins
Chicago, Illinois

We share your enthusiasm for the character, Larry, but last time we tested him in a solo outing (**DC SPECIAL** #26) not enough other readers did to make it possible to feature Von Hammer as the star of his own magazine. And as long as he's not the main feature of **MEN OF WAR**, we feel compelled to rotate our line-up to satisfy the fans of our other features.

However, we think you're making a mistake in not at least trying occasional issues of **MEN OF WAR** without the Hammer of Hell. After all, you missed his debut when you missed **OUR ARMY AT WAR** issues that he didn't headline, and who knows whether you might find one of our other characters equally intriguing and then, years later, kick yourself for missing out on the early classic tales?—PL.

Dear Paul,

One question: why can't you get Joe Kubert to draw something on the *inside* of one of your comics?

Fred Williams
528 Boylston
Boston, Massachusetts

A simple enough question, but with a very complex answer, we're afraid. First of all, we'd love to have Joe draw almost anything for our mags, and happily drag every imaginable cover from him (including a recent **BATMAN** cover, the first he had done in many years). But the bulk of Joe's time is committed to the Joe Kubert School of Cartoon and Graphic Art, and to the sixty or seventy full-time students there. Between that, his editorial chores on **SGT. ROCK**, and the half-dozen or so covers he does each month, Joe barely has enough time left to breathe. . .but he uses that time to get involved in commercial art projects that provide his students with supplementary work.

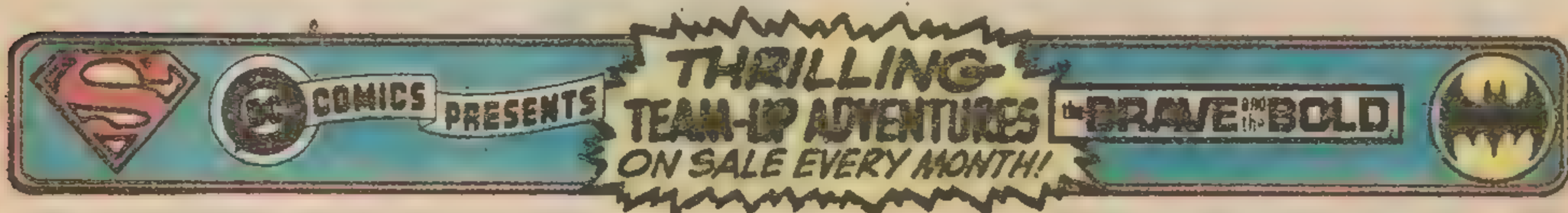
If you want more info on the school itself, write Joe at Box 894, Dover, New Jersey 07801.—PL.

Dear Paul,

I really enjoyed the anthology format of **ARMY AT WAR** #1, but I can't find #2 anywhere. Help!

Sidney Kenersen
St. Louis, Missouri

Unfortunately, **ARMY AT WAR** fell by the wayside along with many other DC titles this summer. But the material scheduled for it is appearing in the back of the **UNKNOWN SOLDIER** magazine, and last issue, we featured special stories slated for **ARMY AT WAR**. You might still be able to find a copy of **MOW** #15 on a newsstand somewhere.—Paul Levitz.





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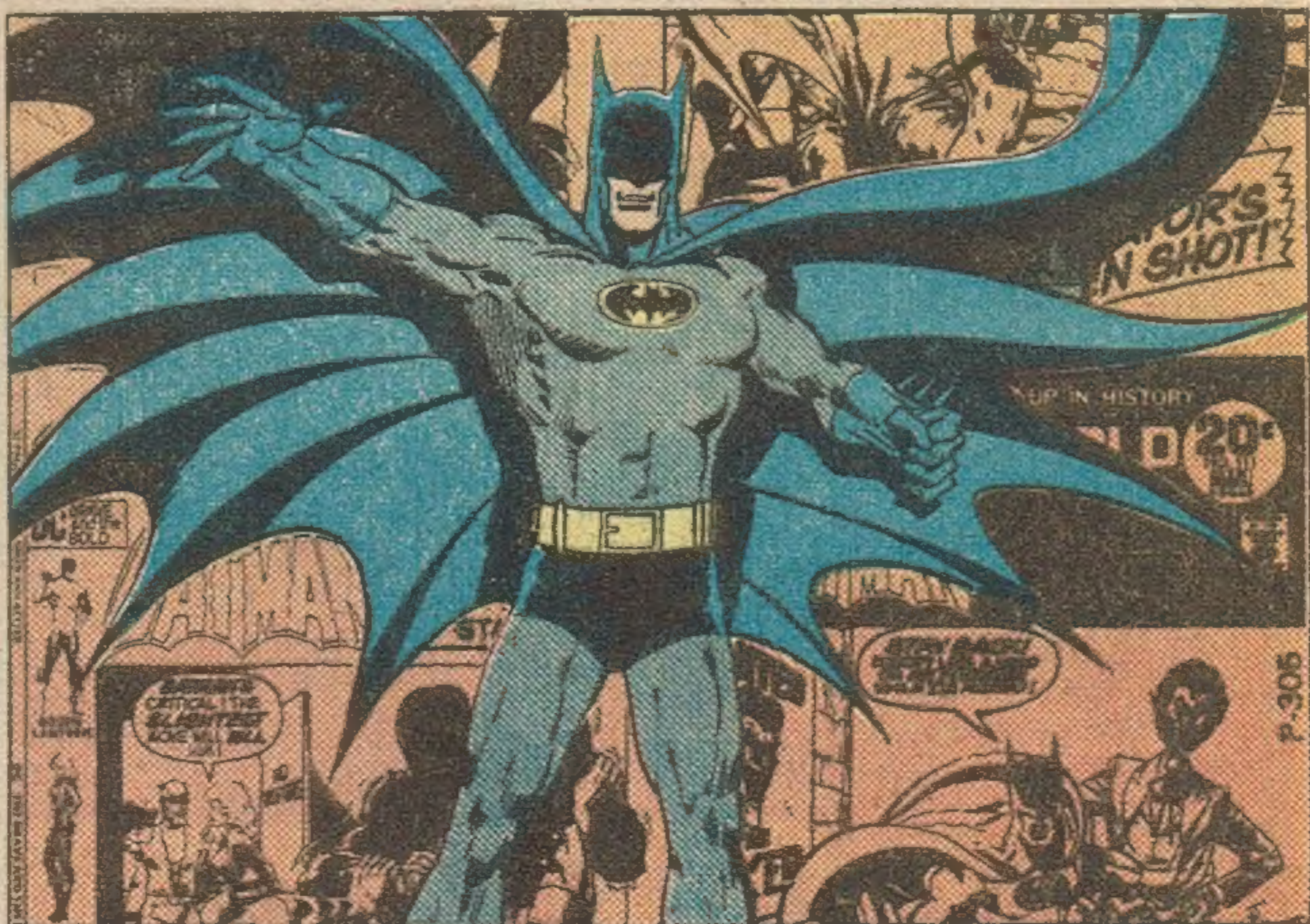
Q: Who drew the *Superman/Batman/Aquaman* comic strip which appeared exclusively in England around 1969?—Tim Rogerson. **A:** The only answer I can come up with is that it was adapted from the American *Batman* strip which ran while the TV show was first-run, the handiwork of E. Nelson Bridwell and Al Plastino.

Q: Who is your strongest villain?—Andrew Smith. **A:** That's a toughie. My vote would have to be for either the *Composite Superman* or the *Parasite*.

Q: Was there ever a British *Superman* comic?—Noel Scotford. **A:** While the *Man of Steel's* adventures are published in countries all over the world, I believe the comics you get in Britain are the same ones we have here in the States.

Q: Could you tell me when the Earth-1 *Superman*, *Batman* and *Flash* took over from their Earth-2 counterparts in *SUPERMAN*, *ACTION*, *BATMAN*, *DETECTIVE*, and *FLASH*?—David Battersby. **A:** *FLASH* is easiest, since it was *FLASH* #106 when the new Scarlet Speedster got his own magazine. For *Batman* it is generally assumed to be *BATMAN* #164 and *DETECTIVE* #327, the issues Julie Schwartz took over. As for the *Man of Steel*, I don't think it's ever been officially decided (though I seem to remember somebody saying once that *SUPERMAN* #127 was the last Earth-2 adventure). In *ACTION*, it would have to be before #252, when *Supergirl* first appeared.

Q: Will Morgan Edge appear in the *Superman* movie? If so, who will play him?—Mike Goldsmith. **A:** Edge will not appear. Clark is only a Daily Planet reporter in the movie.



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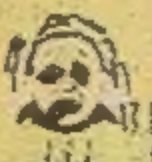
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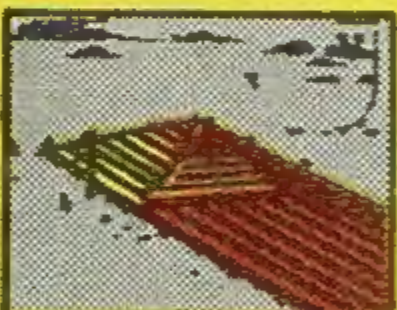
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